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## Iran must enter into direct talks just after truce

# Iraq ready to accept ceasefire: Saddam

**BAGHDAD, Aug 6, (Agencies):** President Saddam Hussein said today that Iraq was willing to cease fire in the Gulf war provided Iran announced its willingness to enter into direct talks—immediately—after the truce.

The announcement indicated Iraq was dropping its demand that Iran enter into face-to-face talks in advance of the ceasefire, and could pave the way for implementation of the truce.

**Willingness**

"Invoking what is blessed by God, we extend a hand of friendship and peace to the people of Iran in spite of the bitterness we feel deep inside for the aggression that has afflicted us," Hussein said.

The President's comments came in a nationally broadcast statement that was read by an

announcer on national television. A colour photo in the background showed Hussein in military uniform.

There was no immediate Iranian reaction.

In the past Iranian officials have said they have no objections to face-to-face talks being held at one time or another, but they object to such talks being a precondition for a ceasefire.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA), paraphrasing Hussein's remarks, said he announced that Iraq was ready to cease fire "provided that Iran formally and unequivocally announced its willingness to enter into direct talks with Iran immediately after the ceasefire."

It said another condition was that Iran must also announce its approval of "the implementation of all aspects of United Nations Security Council Resolution 598."



Saddam

Resolution 598 calls for a ceasefire, withdrawal to international borders and an exchange of prisoners of war in advance of talks on a final peace settlement.

If Iran still refuses direct talks,

it would prove that "it is once more responsible for spilling blood and rejecting the path of peace," Saddam was quoted directly as saying.

In that case, he said Iraq would "never hesitate to cut off the hand of those who encroach upon us and attack our nation."

**Happiness**

But if Iran accepts, Saddam said: "We, our great people, the glorious Arab nation and the valiant armed forces of Iraq would be further delighted after having enjoyed the happiness of the great military victory that is based on right and justice."

The Iraqi demand for direct talks was the main stumbling block in the current talks in New York involving United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the Iraqi and Iranian foreign ministers.

As the second week of UN

peace talks ended yesterday, little progress had been reported.

In the past Iranian officials have said they have no objections to face-to-face talks being held at one time or another.

Perez de Cuellar has told the Security Council he plans to send 250 UN peace-keepers to monitor the ceasefire agreement between Iraq and Iran.

Diplomats attending an informal meeting of the 15 council members yesterday said the secretary-general determined the size of the force on recommendation of Lieut. Gen. Martin Vastset of Norway, who visited the two countries last week to prepare for a truce operation.

In his broadcast address, the Iraqi President said he agreed with proposals by United Nations military experts, who visited Baghdad and Tehran, for

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## Foreign fleets expected to leave

**By Mohammad Al Barges**

**FOREIGN** fleets are expected to leave the Gulf after the end of the Iran-Iraq war as there will no longer be any need for their presence, Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed has said.

In an interview, Sheikh Nawaf pointed out that these fleets had come to the Gulf mainly because of the war and "after the interests of many countries in the region were harmed."

He also said that Resolution 598 can be implemented fully if the superpowers so desire and he expressed belief that the superpowers are willing to implement the resolution.

He commented: "It is now time for peace. This is the feeling of the GCC leaders and the people."

**Bloodshed**

Sheikh Nawaf regretted the bloodshed between the two Muslim neighbours, adding that by repeatedly calling for peace, Iraq reflected the wish and desire of the rest of the Gulf states.

He said that the end of the conflict will be positively reflected in the economic situation of the region and added that the main cause of the economic crisis and recession in the region during the past few years has been the war.

Sheikh Nawaf stressed that Kuwait is a free country and has the economic ability that allows it not to submit to one source for its arms requirements. He added: "Kuwait purchases its weapons from any country it wants to and according to its requirements."

Asked about the arms deal with the US, Sheikh Nawaf said he was convinced that the US administration is careful to go ahead with the deal, thus reflecting the strong, friendly relations existing between the two countries.

**Armoured**

Sheikh Nawaf said Kuwait's recent arms deal with Egypt is the biggest weapons contract signed by any Arab country with Cairo, and added that the deal centred on armoured vehicles and advanced Air Defence Systems — both manufactured by Egypt.

Asked about the scope of military co-operation among the GCC member states in the post-Gulf war period, Sheikh Nawaf stressed he is optimistic that the GCC will create an integrated military force among themselves.

Sheikh Nawaf said that the GCC defence ministers will discuss the consequences of the end of the Gulf war during their forthcoming meeting in October.

## 440 pilgrims feared dead as ferry capsizes

**NEW DELHI, Aug 6, (Agencies):** A ferry carrying more than 500 people capsized in the Ganges river in eastern Bihar state today and more were still unaccounted for several hours later, local officials and reporters said.

Forty bodies were recovered and about 100 people were rescued, according to reports from the remote area.

Indian news agencies and local reporters said as many as 400 people were feared drowned.

Most of the passengers on the steam-powered ferry were Hindu pilgrims who were crossing the sacred river to catch a train.

The launch is still under water. We are told by local officials that at least 400 people are feared dead ... many of the victims are still trapped," an Indian reporter said when contacted by telephone in Patna, capital of Bihar state, more than six hours after the accident.

The reporter, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he had seen the boat's passenger list and said there were 535 passengers.

"Only about 100 people have been rescued and 40 bodies located. There is slim chance of survivors," he said.

"The casualties could be high because many of the passengers were women and children," one official said.

Rescue work was suspended at nightfall and was to resume tomorrow morning.

Officials described the vessel as a privately owned, diesel-powered ferry that was first put into service during World War II. They said authorities suspected that the owner, who was not identified, loaded it with too many passengers in order to increase his profits.

The vessel was carrying the pilgrims to the town of Sahabganj, 125 miles (200 km) east of Patna, from where they were to have gone to a nearby temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, officials said.

**Rushed**

Senior police and government officials rushed to the scene, located in a remote corner of Bihar, India's poorest and least-developed state.

Local authorities also requested the state government to dispatch divers to search for victims in the river, badly swollen by strong monsoon showers.

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## Murphy in talks with Assad

**DAMASCUS, Aug 6, (Reuters):** A senior US envoy held talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad today on ways to ensure a peaceful presidential election in Lebanon, diplomats said.

Syria, which has an estimated 25,000 troops in the neighbouring state, has been talking to Washington for several months about smoothing the path for the vote in Lebanon where civil war has been raging for 13 years.

The 76 surviving members of a 99-seat Parliament, elected in 1972 must choose a successor to Christian President Amin Gemayel before his six-year term ends on Sept 23.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, who flew to Damascus after an unscheduled visit to Beirut on Thursday, he was optimistic the election would be held peacefully.

**Possible**

Political sources in Beirut said he presented Lebanese leaders with a list of six possible contenders regarded as acceptable to both Muslims and Christians.

The sources said Murphy's talks in Syria were expected to narrow this list further. He earlier met Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa and Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam.

Strict security will be in force for the vote, for which no date has been set. Parliamentary elections have not been held for 16 years because of the civil strife.

Murphy's talks in Damascus also covered Washington's efforts to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict, the diplomats said. He is also due to visit Egypt, Jordan and Israel.

## Jordan receives arms from Iraq

**AMMAN, Aug 6, (AP):** King Hussein revealed today that Iraq has given Jordan weapons and military equipment won by the Iraqi Army in their battles with Iran.

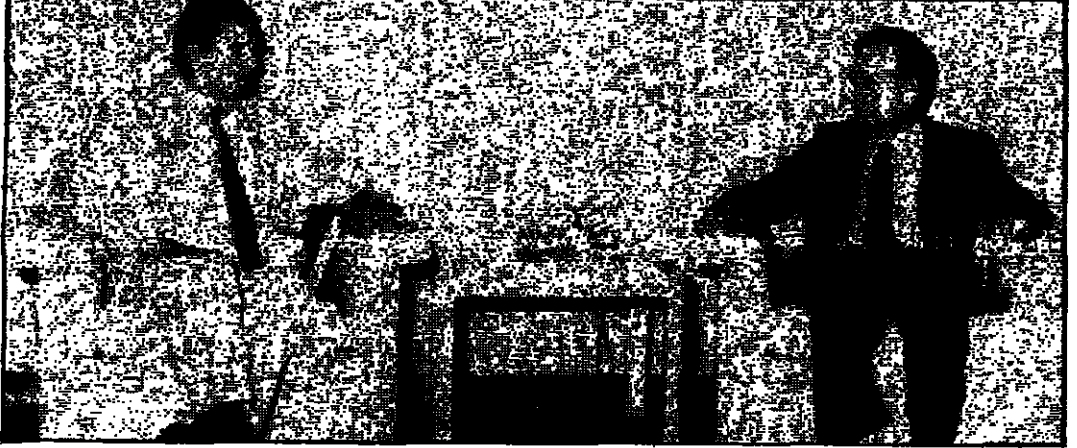
"It pleases me to join the Jordanian armed forces in their happiness over receiving weapons and military equipment, as a brotherly gift, from the brave Iraqi Army," said the king.

The Jordanian news agency carried a full text of the king's remarks delivered in a form of a letter to commander of the Jordan's armed forces, Field Marshal Zaid Bin Shaker.

"This gift is a precious one that cannot be measured with worldly standards or with money," the king said in his letter.

**Murderers hanged**

**DAMASCUS, Aug 6, (Reuters):** Three Syrians were hanged for murder in the northern city of Aleppo today, officials said.



Murphy (left) in talks with Assad at the Presidential Palace in Damascus. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'Direct Palestinian representation likely'

**WASHINGTON, Aug 6, (AP):** Deputy Secretary of State John Whitehead said yesterday that Palestinians "presumably" will be directly represented in hoped-for Middle East peace talks. But a State Department spokesman said the United States still wants a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation.

Whitehead's comment on a US Information Agency programme broadcast to Europe does not represent a change in US policy, said the spokeswoman, Phyllis Oakley.

"He is musing somewhat," she said.

Whitehead said Jordanian King Hussein's decision to abandon his claims to the Israeli-occupied West Bank and support a separate Palestinian state does not affect the validity of Secretary of State George Shultz's peace initiative in the region.

But he said the Palestinians will have to "face up to the situation" and "presumably they will have to be directly represented rather than under the umbrella of Jordan."

**Possible**

"It seems to us," Whitehead said, "it is still possible to bring about direct negotiations between Israel on the one hand and Jordan and the Palestinians on the other hand, and just the makeup of that Palestinian delegation, of course, remains to be seen."

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy is seeking a meeting with Palestinians during his visit to the Middle East this week. He is also meeting with Hussein.

Ms Oakley, in the daily State Department briefing said, "there is no change in our position on the question of a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation."

"Our initiative to begin negotiations is as valid as ever. It's workable and realistic. We've not changed our view that a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation negotiating face to face with Israel can result in peace negotiations that can work," she said.

## Jordan abolishes W. Bank ministry

**AMMAN, Aug 6, (Reuters):** Jordan abolished the ministry in charge of the Israeli-occupied West Bank today in a new move to formalise its separation from the territory.

Jordan radio said the Ministry for Occupied Territories Affairs had been transferred to the Foreign Ministry as a department for Palestinian affairs.

The former Minister for Occupied Territories, Marwan Doudin, became Labour Minister in a cabinet reshuffle, the fourth since Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai took office in April 1985.

**Stopped**

A downgrading of the ministry had been widely expected after King Hussein's shock decision, announced last Sunday, to hand responsibility for the West Bank to the PLO.

The official news agency Petra said the king had also dissolved a higher committee for West Bank affairs set up in 1980 under the chairmanship of the prime minister.

Jordan has already stopped payments to almost 20,000 civil servants, teachers and medical staff in the West Bank, and cancelled its West Bank development plan and dissolved the lower house of Parliament, in which West Bank deputies held half the seats.

PLO officials said a PLO mission to discuss Jordan's moves to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank would visit Amman in a few days' time.

They said the team led by Mahmoud Abbas, a member of the PLO's executive committee, would probably arrive on Thursday, though a precise date had not been fixed.

Palestinian sources said that to avoid any speculation about US-PLO contacts the delegation would not come until US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy had left Jordan.

## Hundreds of buildings shattered

# Powerful earthquake hits the sub-continent

**NEW DELHI, Aug 6, (Agencies):** A powerful earthquake today hit parts of India, Bangladesh, Burma, Pakistan and Nepal damaging hundreds of buildings and causing widespread panic and an undetermined number of injuries, officials and witnesses said. At least 30 people were reported missing.

The tremor occurred at 6:10 am (0040 GMT) and was measured by seismological observatories in India and the United States as 7.3 on the open-ended Richter scale, the highest charted for the India-Burma region in 34 years.

**Shockwaves**

Dr H.L. Srivastava, director of New Delhi's seismological observatory, said the "high intensity" earthquake was centred 1,130 miles (1,820 km) to the southeast inside Burmese territory, just over the border from India's tiny jungle-covered Manipur state.

In India, the shockwaves rolled through a region stretching from the eastern Himalayas in the north to the Bay of Bengal in the south and comprising the states of Manipur, Assam, Meghalaya and Nagaland, and parts of Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal and Bihar, Srivastava said.

An observatory statement said the shockwaves persisted one to two minutes, depending on the distance from the epicentre.

In Bangladesh, the earthquake lasted over one minute and was felt across a large area, prompting hundreds of people to flee in panic from swaying buildings in the capital, Dhaka.

Police said "a large number" of people sustained minor injuries in stampedes and eight

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## Omani minister in Tehran

**NICOSIA, Aug 6, (Reuters):** Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef Bin Alawi arrived in Iran today for a week-long visit, Tehran Radio said.

The radio, quoted Alawi as saying that expanded ties between Oman and Iran required a continuous exchange of visits and talks.



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## Long-term effects of childbearing

**LONDON, Aug 6, (AP):** Every time a woman gives birth, she increases her risk of cervical cancer but reduces her risk of breast cancer, says a report published yesterday in the British Medical Journal.

The study also showed a higher death rate generally among childless women.

Based on a nationwide sample of 108,000 married women aged 16-59 in the 1971 census, it found that deaths from cervical cancer and diabetes rose steeply with increased childbearing.

But of the 3,298 women in the sample who died between 1971 and 1981, deaths from cancer of the breast, ovary, the inner lining of the uterus and the oesophagus dropped with increased childbearing, it said.

The study was conducted by Australian epidemiologists Dr Valerie Beral and Dr Adele Green, and English statistician Kath Moser.

"The research shows that childbearing does have a long-term effect on health and patterns of diseases, and that it varies from one condition to another," said Ms Beral of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

"But there's no implication in the study that people should change their behaviour," she said in a telephone interview.

## Plane mishap

**KARACHI, Aug 6, (AP):** A Pakistan International Airlines plane overshot a flooded runway on landing today, and some passengers were injured as they hurriedly evacuated the jetliner.

The Press Trust said the tremor triggered mudslides in Assam that blocked railway lines, forcing a suspension in service between the northern and southern portions of the state.

**Largest**

The US Geological Survey said it was the largest earthquake in the India-Burma area since a March 24, 1954, tremor measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale.

There were no reports of casualties or damage from Pakistan.

The tremors were felt in Islamabad and surrounding regions of northern Pakistan, the earthquake network centre of the Pakistan meteorological department reported.



## INTERNATIONAL

'Perestroika has not changed the military'

## Soviet threat remains: Carlucci

ISTANBUL, Aug 6, (Agencies): US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci warned yesterday the Soviet Union's military threat is as great as ever, despite the reforms of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Carlucci, on route home from his unprecedented tour of Soviet military establishments, said NATO defence should be kept at the highest level possible.

"We see no change whatsoever in the resources that are going into the Soviet military establishment," he told reporters during a visit to NATO front-line ally Turkey.

While Gorbachev's reform of "perestroika (restructuring) has brought about some very far-reaching changes... we have not seen the effects of perestroika in the military," he said, adding he was still waiting to see "a tangible change in force structure" in the Soviet Union.

**Reforms**  
Gorbachev's twin reform policies -- glasnost, or "openness," and perestroika -- won world attention for allowing unprecedented internal public debate on Soviet government policy while professing an emphasis away from the arms race and toward non-military

economic development. But Western critics argue the reforms are merely modernisations that will leave intact the core of Moscow's ideology.

Earlier this week, Carlucci, as a guest of the Soviet military, saw some of their once well-guarded secrets.

The US defence chief watched a high-technology battlefield exercise, toured a major naval base, and sat at the controls of the latest Soviet long-range bomber aircraft.

"It's true that the Soviets are more open in showing us their equipment and their exercises," he told journalists in Istanbul.

But he warned that NATO must continue to offer effective deterrents against Soviet attack.

**Assured**  
"NATO's modernisation programme is ongoing," he said. Nuclear-capable artillery and aircraft, and a successor to the Lance short-range nuclear missile were all being developed, he added.

Soviet officials were disturbed at the 23 NATO bases on Turkish soil, Carlucci told journalists, adding he assured them the bases posed no threat to Moscow.

"I emphasised that we regard the Soviet Union as offensive in

character," he added.

Carlucci's statements followed his meetings with Turkish President Kenan Evren yesterday, and with Premier Turgut Ozal, Defence Minister Ercan Vuralhan and Turkish Chief of Staff General Nurettin Toruntay on Thursday.

While focussing on his Soviet visit, his talks also covered bilateral and NATO defence issues, including the modernisation of Turkish conventional forces, Carlucci said.

**Prospects**  
Turkey's 800,000 troops, the largest single national commitment to NATO outside the United States, patrol the Western alliance's longest border with the Soviet Union, using often vintage equipment dating to the Korean War.

Turkey has committed itself to modernising its conventional forces and is currently awaiting US congressional approval of a new military aid package and for gifts of surplus US ships and equipment.

But Turkey has resisted modernising its nuclear defences as it pursues increased economic and political links with Moscow.

Carlucci also discussed with Turkish officials the pace of modernising US intelligence bases in Turkey, sources close to the talks said.

But he did not raise prospects of increasing America's military presence on Turkish soil, despite neighbouring Greece's refusal so far to renew its military bases agreement with the United States, the sources added.

"He's taken a soft approach," said a source who requested anonymity. "The emphasis has been on dialogue between two close allies."

Carlucci described his visit to Turkey directly following his Soviet tour as "very important," and praised the staunch alliance between Washington and Ankara.

**Cuts**  
In Washington, the US Senate opened debate on a \$282.6-billion defence bill yesterday amid recriminations over President Reagan's veto of companion legislation.

Reagan vetoed a \$299.5-billion defence authorisation bill on Wednesday, saying the cuts it envisaged in the Star Wars missile defence programme in particular granted "unilateral concessions" to the Soviet Union.

## Israel worried over Arab arms buildup

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 6, (AP): The armies of Arab countries are closing their technological gap with Israel, but the Jewish state still maintains a qualitative edge over its main enemies, Israel's Air Force commander said today.

Maj. Gen. Avihu Bin-Nun said Israel was worried about the sales of sophisticated Western, particularly American-made weapons to Arab countries. He cited the planned sale of US-made F-18 airplanes and Maverick air-to-surface missiles to Kuwait.

The supply of "F-18 for the Kuwaitis is a jump ahead with the technology and weapons systems they have got today," Bin-Nun said on Israel Radio.

**Concerned**  
"I believe the danger of Kuwaitis transferring the F-18s... to any Arab country that will be in war with Israel still exists," in spite of the reported Kuwaiti assurances to the contrary, he said.

Israel is also concerned about the recent \$30-billion British

arms sale to Saudi Arabia, which has supported Arab states in all their wars against Israel.

Bin-Nun said that every sale of sophisticated Western weaponry to the Arab countries "is another technological advantage that the Arab nations are getting. They're closing the technological gap that gives us the qualitative edge we need to offset the quantities."

Another item of concern, Bin-Nun said, was the increased number of surface-to-surface missiles in the region.

**Manpower**  
"Most of the countries around us are looking into it or buying or spending money on surface-to-surface missiles," he said. "We hear the Chinese are visiting the area and are trying to sell their M-9" surface-to-surface missiles."

Egypt and Iraq, Bin-Nun said, are developing such missiles in co-operation with some South American countries.

Syria is reportedly buying the Chinese M-9s and, according to Israeli officials, is also developing chemical warheads.

In addition, Syria is "purchasing all types of missiles from the Soviet Union. They have the SS-21, the old frog and the Scud (SS-1) surface-to-surface missiles," Bin-Nun said.

Bin-Nun also noted that "all Arab countries without exception are spending a lot of money and manpower on surface-to-air missiles and guns, and surface-to-air defences."

He said that Syria now maintains about 100,000 regular soldiers in its air defence systems and "the guns, the radars, the missiles and so on are spread all over Syria."

But, Bin-Nun said, Israel has demonstrated its capabilities to cope with such defences during the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, when it destroyed launchers of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles.

Comparing the air forces of the two countries, Bin-Nun said: "They (Syrians) have enlarged their capability and developed their tactics and we have developed our capability and tactics as well. I believe we have kept the gap or even enlarged it."

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the deployment of "international forces" between the Iranian and Iraqi Armies on the front.

The observers would remain until a "comprehensive and permanent peace achieved in acceptance of both parties and under the auspices of the United Nations secretary-general," INA quoted Saddam directly as saying.

"It is natural to say that we are going to benefit from the Shatt Al Arab waterway according to our inalienable rights and to benefit from the Arab Gulf in accordance with international laws immediately after a ceasefire is effected," he added.

He was referring to navigation rights on the Shatt Al Arab, Iraq's sole sea outlet, and in the Gulf which an Iranian naval blockade has prevented Iraq's vessels from plying.

Saddam's announcement was preceded by several days of relative quiet on the war fronts.

Iran said today that Iraq attacked three Kurdish villages in northern Iraq with chemical weapons, inflicting an unspecified number of casualties.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency said more than 63 wounded people were being treated in Iranian hospitals after they managed to cross the border into Iran.

**Victims**  
The agency said other victims could not leave the stricken border region of Lulan and claimed "a great number of women and children are left in the mountainous villages in critical condition."

It said the attacks occurred "in the past two days."

The three villages, according to IRNA, are Kani-Rash, Zavar, and Serou. The area is 37 miles (60 kilometres) from the two countries' northern border.

Perez de Cuellar received Security Council authority yesterday to send yet another investigative team to Iran following Tehran's charge that Iraq had again resorted to gas warfare.

Li Yue of China, the council president, told reporters that members left it to Perez de Cuellar to name and despatch investigators.

On Thursday and yesterday Iraq emphatically denied Iranian accusations of an Iraqi chemical warfare attack inside Iranian territories.

Negotiations for the repatriation of at least 100,000 prisoners of war held in Iran and Iraq are also underway in Geneva and New York and in Baghdad and Tehran.

**Discussions**  
The discussions, involving the two governments, the United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross, are part of the process for the implementation of Resolution 598.

Iraq said today it seized 18,000 prisoners and a huge volume of arms from Iran during the offensive launched late last month.

Saddam held talks with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal today on efforts to implement the UN ceasefire resolution, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

Prince Saud also visited Baghdad last Tuesday and Wednesday as a member of an Arab League committee of foreign ministers which endorsed Iraq's policy towards peace negotiations.

Iraqi Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saadoun Hamadi met heads of the Arab diplomatic missions in Baghdad to brief them on Iraq's latest position.

INA said Hamadi explained "the considerations which made Iraq take its positive initiative... stemming from its good intention and real desire to achieve peace."

**Sikh high priest released and re-arrested**  
AMRITSAR, Aug 6, (Reuters): A former Sikh high priest and 19 followers were released from jail in the north Indian state of Punjab today, then promptly re-arrested.

Punjab police chief K.P.S. Gill told reporters the 20, ordered freed by a magistrate this afternoon, were detained again in the evening under a law which allows for the detention of those likely to breach the peace.

The former high priest, Jasbir Singh Rode, was first arrested on May 11 for breaking a curfew when he tried to enter Amritsar's Golden Temple, as it was under siege by security forces.

## World has 200,000 child soldiers

GENEVA, Aug 6, (AP): An estimated 200,000 child soldiers are under arms worldwide, most of them forcibly recruited but some urged to enlist by their parents, a report to a UN human rights meeting said.

Officers submit the youths to physical brutality, do not brief them properly about the danger of their missions and punish them arbitrarily, according to one account cited in the report by the London-based Friends World Committee for Consultation, a Quaker organisation.

Some youths receive military education, including training for pillaging, spying and terrorism, the report said.

Dated last January, the data was compiled for a working group meeting this week of the UN sub-commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities, whose parent body is the UN human rights commission.

Media reports and private research were the main sources. According to the survey, examples of the problem reportedly included:

... illegal street roundups in Afghanistan to recruit youths under 15

... in El Salvador, abduction of boys under the legal draft age of 18 by Army recruiters

... forced participation by minors in the Guatemalan Army's civil defence patrols.

**India repulses Pakistani attack**  
SRINAGAR, Aug 6, (Reuters): Indian Defence Minister K.C. Pant said today that Indian troops recently repulsed a Pakistani attack on Indian positions guarding a strategic glacier high in the Himalayas.

He told a news conference the alleged attack occurred on the Siachen glacier in the last week in July, but that the problem was quickly defused by commanders from both sides who met to talk it over.

Pant said there were no casualties in the latest of many exchanges of fire by troops on the glacier, which controls routes into India.

He also said there were frequent exchanges of fire with Pakistani troops along the border between the two countries in Kashmir, the disputed state of which one third is controlled by Islamabad.

Pant blamed the incidents on Pakistan, alleging Islamabad wanted to keep the Kashmir issue alive.

"We must try within our framework to have better relations with all our neighbours, including Pakistan," Pant said.

"But at the same time we cannot turn our face from what is happening along our borders. India has to be militarily prepared to safeguard its interests," he added.

## Early municipal polls allowed in Turkey

## Ozal faces crucial referendum

ANKARA, Aug 6, (AP): Parliament today adopted a constitutional amendment to allow earlier municipal elections, opening the way to a national referendum that will be seen as a vote of confidence for Premier Turgut Ozal's free market-oriented government.

The amendment was approved 284 to 95 in the 450-seat legislature. Deputies from Ozal's Motherland Party voted for the change and the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party was against it.

Members of former Premier Suleyman Demirel's True Path Party, the third party in parliament, left the chamber during the vote.

Turkey's 1982 constitution, promulgated by then ruling generals, empowers parliament to move ahead the date of general elections but not local elections. It said there must be at least five years between local elections.

According to this rule, local elections could not be held in Turkey before March 1989 but Ozal wanted the polls in October or November this year because of political and economic reasons.

A constitutional amendment has to be submitted to a national referendum if adopted by less than 300 votes in parliament.

Ozal was hoping to obtain the required majority to avoid a referendum because Demirel, whose centre right True Path commands 58 parliament seats, originally supported early local polls and the necessary constitutional change.

**Support**  
Demirel later changed his mind, saying his support was conditional on the passage of fairer election laws, increasing TV time allocated to the opposition and a longer official campaign period.

Ozal refused to give in to Demirel and risked a referendum

instead of appearing politically weak by withdrawing the proposal for election date change.

The amendment approved today calls for local elections nationwide on Nov 13 and says local elections in the future can be moved ahead by as much as a year.

Currently the law states that a referendum cannot be held earlier than 120 days after it is called for by parliament. But Motherland officials said next week the parliament will pass legislation reducing the waiting period to 45 days.

That will mean that a referendum asking for a "yes" or "no" to early municipal polls could be held in late September.

Political analysts say Ozal wanted early polls partly because he does not want to give the main opposition Social Democrats sufficient time to organise under their new leadership.

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## One dies as train crashes in Paris

PARIS, Aug 6, (UPI): At least one person was killed and up to 40 others were injured today, when a suburban train smashed into a buffer at the end of a track in the crowded Gare d'Est station, railroad company officials said.

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## Dukakis raps Bush on foreign policy

LAGUNA BEACH, Calif., Aug 6, (Reuters): The US presidential campaign heated up as Democrat Michael Dukakis tied his rival to foreign policy debates and Republican George Bush said the Massachusetts governor could not handle the Soviet Union.

A long-distance clash over foreign and defence policy acumen between the two men continued into a second day.

Dukakis, buoyed by a new poll showing him ahead of Bush throughout the country, jumped to the attack when asked about Bush's assertions he was weak on defence and foreign policy.

"Anybody who sits there and does nothing while we trade arms with the Ayatollah (Khomeini of Iran), and says he didn't know that (Panamanian leader Manuel Antonio) Noriega was running drugs... doesn't have what it takes to lead this country when it comes to foreign policy," Dukakis said.

He was talking about allegations that Bush attended National Security Council brief-

ings when the covert deal to sell arms to Iran was discussed and the administration's strong support of the Panamanian leader until a recent campaign to oust him.

**Experience**  
Later, at a news conference in Washington, Bush said "the man (Dukakis) has had no experience in foreign affairs and how in the world are we going to negotiate successfully with the Soviet Union?"

A poll released on Thursday showed Dukakis leading Bush throughout the country, including the normally Republican south and west -- 51 to 40 per cent nationwide and by at least 10 points in every region except the southeast.

Bush released a physician's report on his health and medical history yesterday but aides denied it was in response to a similar disclosure by his rival Dukakis.

White House physician Rodney Savage described the 64-year-old Vice-President as an "unusually active and healthy man."

## Friendship with Khaddafi sealed

## Ben Ali visits Libya

TUNIS, Aug 6, (Reuters): Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali arrived in Tripoli today on his first visit to Libya since taking office, signalling that a wary friendship with North African neighbour Col. Muammar Khaddafi was back on course.

Ben Ali, one of whose first actions after becoming President last November was to resume diplomatic ties with Libya, had unexpectedly cancelled a previous visit, set for June 22, citing fatigue.

The last-moment cancellation was seen as a snub and suggested a chill only three weeks after the two leaders had met on the Tunisian holiday island of Djerba and agreed to work for closer links in all areas.

US analysts said Ben Ali was angered over what he saw as back-peddalling by Khaddafi on driving rights in a disputed area of the Gulf of Gabes, where large oil deposits have been found.

The past few months have seen a stream of diplomatic developments in North Africa during which old tensions have been defused and new alliances forged.

**Committed**  
All five Maghreb countries -- Morocco, Algeria, Mauritania, Libya and Tunisia -- are now committed to trying to create a common market on the lines of Western Europe.

Khaddafi has used the changing North African scene to struggle free of the diplomatic isolation which followed the 1986 US

air raid on Tripoli in retaliation for alleged terrorist attacks on American targets.

Analysts say the Libyan leader, whose unpredictability has previously alarmed his neighbours, has been prepared to give ground to be accepted into the regional fold.

He attended the first-ever meeting of all North African leaders in early June despite differences with Morocco's King Hassan, whom he severely attacked for meeting the then Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres two years ago.

In addition, he has significantly altered his stand on his merger proposals with other Arab countries. He now accepts greater economic ties can come before full political union.

## Computer breakdown delays flights

LONDON, Aug 6, (AP): Flights to and from some airports were disrupted today when the main air traffic control computer for London broke down, the Civil Aviation Authority said.

Air traffic controllers had to chart all flight progress information by hand for three hours and 45 minutes while repairs were made, said an authority spokesman.

"Obviously everything is slowed up and controllers can handle less traffic," he said.

"In the interest of safety they are having to impose flow restrictions and this is going to cause delays."

At London's Heathrow airport, 70 flights bound for Europe were delayed for up to three hours and 12 flights were cancelled, he said. Flights from Europe were also delayed up to three hours and eight were cancelled, he said. Several overseas flights from the Middle East and the Far East were diverted to Brussels and Paris.

Problems at London's Gatwick airport, Britain's busiest charter airport, were compounded by early morning fog which forced 22 aircraft to be diverted to other British airports.

Cause of the computer breakdown was under investigation, the authority said.

## Armenian leader launches drive against corruption

MOSCOW, Aug 6, (Reuters): New Armenian leader, Suren Arutunyan, appointed in June at the height of months of unrest in the republic, has launched a drive against corruption that flourished under his predecessor, Pravda reported today.

The report coincided with what reform-minded Soviet sources said was increasing evidence that corrupt officials had played a large part in helping to organise mass demonstrations and strikes in Armenia.

Pravda said the Armenian Communist Party had decreed this week that a network of country and guest houses maintained for high-ranking officials would be converted into hospitals and rest homes for children and war veterans.

**Problems**  
And it said Arutunyan had summoned trading and agricultural chiefs to present them with "tomatoes only suitable for peeling" and "indifferent bureaucrats and dwarf" apricots at exorbitant prices that he had bought in local markets.

A Pravda correspondent in the

Armenian capital, Yerevan, quoted people there as complaining that corruption flourished throughout the republic's food supply network, in the police and in the transport and health system.

"People are right," it quoted Arutunyan as saying. "There is a mountain of problems that have accumulated that it is going to take more than a month and more than a year to solve."

"But we are selecting the main priorities for to work on, and this should lead to what is the main thing -- the restoration of social justice."

Arutunyan, formerly a deputy prime minister in the republic, replaced the long-serving Karen Demirchyan who was appointed party leader in 1974 under the Kremlin rule of the now officially-discredited Leonid Brezhnev.

Demirchyan had been under fire from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, as well as from intellectuals and some outspoken party officials in Armenia who accused him of abuse of power, for a year before the disturbances broke out in February.



Staff and students from the University of Namibia march through the capital Windhoek demanding removal of South African military bases. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Agreement reached on Namibia's independence

GENEVA, Aug 6, (UPI): A fourth round of US-mediated peace talks on southwestern Africa ended with tentative agreement that listed "a sequence of steps" for withdrawal of Cuban and South African troops and independence for Pretoria administered Namibia.

Senior officials said the negotiations were "detailed, positive and productive," but declined to release details of the peace formula designed to end the 13-year-old fighting in Angola.

The agreement was referred to the governments of the participating nations for approval.

A joint statement, issued yesterday by the US diplomatic mission in Geneva, said a fifth round

of talks will begin Aug 22 at a site still to be decided. London, Cairo and New York hosted the previous sessions this year.

On July 20, the participating nations accepted 14 basic principles that addressed the withdrawal of 50,000 Cuban troops from Angola and the pullout of South African forces from neighbouring Namibia. But those principles have yet to be translated into formal treaty language including a time frame.

Participants said earlier the latest round centred on a timetable for a ceasefire, withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and South African forces from Namibia (South West Africa), and independence for Namibia, which is ruled by Pretoria in defiance of UN resolutions.

The Geneva round, mediated by US Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker, was to have lasted three days but was extended a fourth day to give negotiators time to complete the tentative accord.

Yesterday's post-meeting statement said details of the talks will be released at the respective capitals on Monday.

"The negotiations were detailed, positive and productive. The participants agreed a referendum to their governments on a sequence of steps to achieve peace in southwestern Africa," the statement said.

The term "ad referendum" meant that the negotiators had reached an agreement but that it still had to be referred for approval to governments.

## Floods kill 21

BEIJING, Aug 6, (AP): Torrential rains flooded 40 villages in north China and killed at least 21 people, the official Xinhua news agency said today.

Xinhua's three-paragraph report said 19 other people were missing following a three-and-a-half-hour deluge this morning in Fengyang county in Shanxi province.

About 30,000 people were marooned by the flood waters, and at least 100 houses were destroyed, it said.

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## Pakistan insists on mujahedeen government

## Moscow shuns talks on new regime

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 6. (AP): Pakistan's insistence that a government approved by Afghan refugees and guerrillas is the key to peace in neighbouring Afghanistan received a cool reception in Moscow, Pakistan's Foreign Minister said today.

Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said upon his arrival in Islamabad the Soviets "were not particularly encouraging in this regard." He refused to give more details.

Khan, who returned from a two-week diplomatic trip to the United States and Soviet Union, expressed confidence the Soviets would keep their troop withdrawal schedule.

## Denial

A peace accord signed in Geneva April 14 provides for the phased withdrawal of an estimated 115,000 Soviet soldiers from Afghanistan. Half are to be out by Aug 15 and the remainder by Feb 15.

Khan said there was no indication from Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze that

the Kremlin will deviate. "I believe it would be right to take the view that the withdrawal will proceed as planned," he said.

Khan said Pakistan is sticking to its part of the Geneva bargain and Afghan allegations that it participates in "terrorism" exemplified "crude diplomacy practiced by Kabul and some other quarters recently to malign Pakistan. But this language was unworthy of the new Soviet outlook and approach in world affairs."

Pakistan's Foreign Minister said he had no advance warning of a surprise visit by Shevardnadze to Kabul on Thursday. Official Soviet and Afghan media have given scant details of the visit and Khan refused to speculate other than to say it was "obviously significant."

Khan insisted a government acceptable to all Afghan refugees and Muslim guerrilla groups was the key to "restoration of peace in that country and the safe and honourable return of refugees."

Pakistan hosts more than

three million refugees. Despite hopes that the Geneva accord would signal an exodus of refugees to Afghanistan, only a small portion has returned. The majority, whose mouthpiece is usually the seven-party Afghan guerrilla alliance, insist the Soviets and the ruling marxist government must be out before they return.

## Violations

Khan said efforts to steer the conversation with Shevardnadze away from the alleged violations of the Geneva accord failed. The majority of the Afghan complaints centre on Pakistan's role as weapons conduit to the guerrillas and the establishment of an interim guerrilla government on Pakistan territory. Pakistan denies the charges and claims the guerrilla government has not been recognised by Pakistan but neither can Pakistan muzzle refugees' political activities.

Pakistan, meanwhile, blasted Soviet-Afghan forces for shell-

ing, rocketing and bombing Pakistani territory.

The American leg of Khan's journey ended with a commitment for continued close ties between the two countries and an assurance from Secretary of State George Shultz that he would help in "the implementation of various arms sales proposals under the \$4.02 billion aid package."

The American Congress held up \$480 million in aid because it was worried about Pakistan's nuclear ambitions. Personal pleas from President Ronald Reagan released the money.

Meanwhile, it was reported today that the pilot of an Afghan Air Force bomber which was shot down in the Pakistani territory on Thursday night has been arrested. Pakistani daily "Frontier Post" of Peshawar said that the authorities in North Waziristan tribal agency where the plane fell, had sent the pilot to the security authorities in Peshawar for custody and questioning.

## MRD vows not to allow partyless elections

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 6. (KUNA): A big opposition rally held in the Sindh city of Sukkur yesterday vowed not to let partyless elections be held in Pakistan on Nov 16 as announced by President Zia-ul-Haq.

Organised by the 9-party opposition alliance, the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD), it declared that nothing short of party-based elections would be acceptable.

It was the biggest public rally in the history of Sukkur, the third largest city of Sindh province. It also expressed lack of confidence in the election commission headed by Supreme Court Justice S.A. Nusrat and demanded the reconstitution of a new election commission to conduct the November polls.

This was the first of a series of rallies planned by MRD during August to mobilise public opinion against non-party polls.

Prominent MRD leaders Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, Maulana Fazlur Rahman, Tikka Khan and Mairaj Mohammad Khan addressed the rally presided over by Rasool Bakhsh Palejo, secretary-general of the Awami National Party.

They criticised President Zia for ordering partyless polls so as to perpetuate what they called his autocratic rule.

They said that Pakistan itself was the product of a party-based system. If this system had not been in existence before partition of India there would have been no Muslim League and no Mohammad Ali Jinnah and no Pakistan, they said.

Elections on party basis were the best guarantee for the growth of democracy, the leaders asserted. They blamed the regime for rising ethnic, sectarian, and provincial feelings resulting in bloodshed. These trends were the natural outcome of curbing political parties by the martial law governments, the leaders charged.

Meanwhile, security was strengthened at US diplomatic missions in Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta following anti-American demonstrations by members of the Shiite community yesterday following the assassination of prominent Shiite leader Allama Arif Hussain Al Hussaini.

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## Study links alcohol with breast cancer

CHICAGO, Aug. 6. (AP): There is compelling evidence that moderate alcohol consumption increases the risk of breast cancer, say doctors at Harvard School of Public Health who analysed 16 recent studies on the issue.

But another researcher said that, in general, the studies conducted so far suggest a very weak association at most and possibly none at all.

In addition, another study suggests that women who drink moderate amounts of alcohol reduce their risk of heart attacks and a common form of stroke.

In an effort to make sense of conflicting findings in recent years, doctors at Harvard School of Public Health in Boston pooled results of 16 studies dating to 1982, weighing each study according to their judgement of its quality.

The researchers found "compelling" evidence that breast cancer risk goes up with increasing alcohol consumption, they reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

However, the findings do not prove alcohol causes breast cancer, because "association does not prove cause and effect," and unknown factors may be responsible for the heightened risk, said the researchers, led by Dr Matthew Longnecker.

They also noted that one or two drinks a "day" — shown to protect against heart or blood vessel disease — may provide a benefit outweighing the increased risk of breast cancer.

## Seoul police chief warns students

## Korean meeting won't be allowed

SEOUL, Aug. 6. (UPI): The government said today it will not permit direct meetings between North and South Korean students and any rallies designed to promote the reunification talks will be forcefully blocked.

National police director Choo Jong-Suk issued a warning against the proposed student meetings, which dissident South Korean youths hope to hold on Aug 15 at the true village of Panmunjom 56 km north of Seoul.

"North Korea has been agitating for the student meeting while refusing our government's realisation of free exchanges and talks between the authorities of the two to realise such exchanges," Choo said.

"This proves that what the North seeks is to create rift and confusion in our society in a bid to obstruct the Seoul Summer Olympics which will open in just

about 40 days. The students meeting can never be allowed. It causes unrest for the Olympics. It does not help South-North relations."

Choo said police across the country will be on full alert for a week starting on Aug 10 and will conduct campus searches several times during the coming week to seize leaflets and other items to be used in street demonstrations.

Choo said outdoor rallies supporting the student talks will be crushed but police will not interfere with student gatherings on campus. Students will also be permitted to stage pilgrimages across South Korea. The pilgrimages have been scheduled to begin on Monday.

Members of the National Student Leaders Council, a dissident organisation, said the government should not block the proposed meeting between students of the two Koreas.

The students have proposed that their meetings could be restricted to discussions on the exchanges of students and sports events if the government guarantees that representatives of various social groups will be invited to a proposed meeting of South and North Korea legislators.

On June 10, dissident students tried to march to Panmunjom for a session with their Northern counterparts. Police blocked the attempt, causing violent street riots to erupt in Seoul.

The Seoul government said such contacts could not be permitted because it involved matters that could only be handled by government representatives of both sides.

Leading members of South and North Korean parliaments recently exchanged a series of letters proposing a bilateral lawmakers meeting.

## Pakistan will get US howitzers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (AP): The US Defence Department notified Congress yesterday it had approved a sale of 155mm howitzers to Pakistan with assurances the move will not affect the military balance in the region.

Barring any congressional objections, the Defence Department said it would provide Pakistan with 40 of the weapons, some of them self-propelled and some of them towed, along with spare parts for \$40 million, the Pentagon said.

"Pakistan needs these howitzers to standardise equipment within the Pakistan Army..." the

Pentagon said. "The sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region."

The US Army will oversee the transaction. The prime contractor for the self-propelled models will be Bowen McLaughlin York, of York, Pennsylvania. The Rock Island Arsenal in Rock Island, Illinois, will provide the towed howitzers.

"This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political

stability and economic progress in Southwest Asia.

Meanwhile, the Senate crushed an effort on Friday to require Japan to buy US-built ships as part of a pact to defend Pacific Sea lanes with the Aegis defence system, the high-tech missile radar that downed an Iranian jetliner in the Gulf.

Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci and Secretary of State George Shultz had urged the Senate to kill defence appropriations bill provision to force Japan to buy both the computer-driven radar — and ships using it, from the United States.

## Hiroshima remembers atom bomb victims

HIROSHIMA, Japan, Aug. 6. (UPI): A flight of doves, a mournful tolling of bells and a silent prayer marked the 43rd anniversary today of the world's first atomic bombing.

An estimated 55,000 people fell silent under a blazing sun in Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park, the moment when on August 6, 1945, a US B-29 warplane dropped an atom bomb on the port city.

Some 140,000 people died within four months of the bombing, according to city officials.

The total number of identified victims, including those who died from the after effects of radiation, is 152,650 people. The city says an estimated 150,000 people never identified also died in the blast and ensuing fires that swept Hiroshima, 400 miles southwest of Tokyo.

The annual day of remembrance ended when hundreds of paper lanterns were lit and set afloat on four of the city's rivers, once clogged with bomb victims seeking relief from burning skin.

"As the only country to have suffered the tragedy of nuclear

weapons, we have made a firm resolve that Hiroshima and Nagasaki shall not be repeated," Takao Fujimoto, Minister of Health and Welfare, said on behalf of Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who did not attend the ceremony.

The names of 4,473 bomb casualties who died in the last year were added to the names enshrined in granite cenotaph in the park that reads "rest in peace — let us not repeat this evil."

Treaty

Some 360,000 survivors of the bomb are still alive.

Throughout the city of one million, cars and buses stopped as people bowed their heads and observed the moment of silence.

Later, 1,300 doves were released into the clear skies as a symbol of peace.

Four representatives from the Soviet Union placed a bright yellow wreath before the memorial, and several hundred Americans attended the ceremony.

"The recent signing of the INF treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union gives hope

for a future dominated not by the threat of annihilation but by the promise of survival," Mayor Takeshi Araki, an atom bomb survivor, said in his annual peace declaration.

President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in December signed a historic intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty that calls for the destruction of a portion of their nuclear arsenals.

Outside the official ceremony, members of Hiroshima's many "peace" and "anti-nuclear" groups marched as riot-clad policemen kept watch. Police reported no incidents.

"I'm here because George Bush says we can win a nuclear war and I need to remind myself not to vote for him," said Carol Kowalski of Anaheim, California.

"What happened here is a last chance, a nuclear catastrophe from which we still have time to learn," Ann Southwick, a University of Hawaii student, told an audience of 1,000 people at a youth symposium after the ceremony.

## Manila asks US to write off \$1b debt

MANILA, Aug. 6. (Reuters): The Philippines has asked Washington to cancel some of its debt as partial compensation for use of two huge US military bases, President Corason Aquino's spokesman said.

"That has been proposed by the Philippine panel," Teodoro Benigno told reporters. He gave no details, but an American diplomat said today Philippine negotiators had suggested the United States write off \$1 billion in official loans Manila owes the government.

US negotiators were not optimistic about working out such a deal, said the diplomat.

The Philippines has nearly \$29 billion in total foreign debt.

## Hostages

US and Philippine negotiators have been talking since April about an agreement allowing for use of Clark air field and Subic Bay naval station, Washington's biggest overseas bases.

The talks cover the final two years of the accord expiring in 1991, but have raised doubts over the long term future of the bases.

The diplomat said the two

sides had also talked about the possibility that Washington could also write off about \$30 million the Philippines owes in foreign military sales credits.

In another development — Muslim emissaries reported today an American and his Filipino wife were "alive and well" a week after they were kidnapped in the rebellion-torn southern Philippines, military authorities said.

Army Brigade Commander Col. Carlos Pena said that the kidnappers, described as former rebels, promised the emissaries the hostages would be presented Sunday to show they are "alive and well."

Pena said the kidnappers told the emissaries their demands for the release of David Stuffer, 47, and his Filipino wife Elpidia Benuya.

The two were abducted at gunpoint by four passengers on a jeepney (mini-bus) while they were travelling as tourists July 30 in Lanao Del Sur, 800 km south of Manila.

## Heroin refinery seized

BANGKOK, Aug. 6. (AP): Thai authorities have seized what is believed to be the biggest heroin refining complex uncovered in the country in the past decade, a senior police officer said today.

About 50 policemen armed with M-16 automatic rifles exchanged fire with guards before seizing the complex Friday near the Burmese border in the jungle hills of the Chiang Dao district of northern Chiang Mai province, said Maj. Gen. Kovit Wattana.

Kovit, commander of the

regional border patrol police, said no policemen were hurt in the gun battle, after which the 40 to 50 workers in the complex fled into the jungle. No arrests were made, he said.

Kovit said the complex was the biggest uncovered in 10 years and contained 13 small refineries and six big stoves for refining opium. He said police seized about 26 kilograms of heroin, 36 kilograms of raw opium and 20 kilograms of morphine. Opium is refined into morphine, which is in turn synthesized into heroin.

## Expelled BNP men to form new party

DHAKA, Aug. 6. (AP): Dissidents in the Bangladesh's main opposition party have decided to form their own party to try to force President Hussien Muhammad Ershad from office, they announced today.

The dissidents of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, led by the party's former secretary-general, Obaidur Rahman, made the decision at a meeting on Friday, a statement from the group said. It quoted Rahman as saying 150 top-ranking party leaders attended.

A leadership meeting would be held sometime in September, the statement said.

Khaleda Zia, president of the BNP, blasted the decision and said "conspirators were at work to destroy the party and its struggle against autocratic government."

"Now we will emerge stronger since the conspiratorial elements are out," she said.

Rahman and five other party leaders were expelled on July 28 for violations of party discipline. They demanded more say in the organisation's operation.

Rahman helped Mrs Zia's late husband, President Ziaur ul-Rahman, organise the BNP in the late 1970s. He also supported Mrs Zia's efforts to become head of the party in 1983 after her husband's assassination.

The BNP, along with a coalition of 20 other opposition parties, launched a campaign last November to oust Ershad.

A series of demonstrations, some of them violent, have failed to unseat the President. But opposition leaders have said they would continue their campaign until Ershad resigns.

Ershad, a former Army general, took power in a bloodless coup in 1982 and won election as President in 1986.

## Food prices rise in Burma after unrest

BANGKOK, Aug. 6. (AP): Authorities begin special sales of staple foodstuffs today to low income earners in the Burmese capital who have been hit with rising prices, official Radio Rangoon said.

Rangoon-based diplomats have linked recent sharp price hikes and some hoarding of basic necessities by merchants to demonstrations and general tension in Burma.

Last week, thousands demonstrated against new President Sein Lwin, who has promised economic reforms but has moved quickly to quash all political dissent.

The broadcast yesterday said authorities had arrested 149 people in connection with last week's protests in Rangoon, which led the government to declare martial law in the city.

Leaflets circulating in Rangoon have called for a general nationwide strike Monday. Authorities were to begin sales of rice, cooking oil, salt and assorted fish through various cooperative units "to help relieve manual labourers and low income earners affected by rising prices of staple foodstuffs," the broadcast said.

One Western diplomat said the price of rice had quadrupled over the past few months.

## Thatcher condemns IRA attack

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Aug. 6. (AP): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today strongly criticised the latest attack by the Irish Republican Army and called the group an enemy of freedom and justice.

Asked to comment during a news conference on the killing of two workers by the IRA and on a recent increase of IRA activities, Mrs Thatcher said: "One is always disturbed when there are any bombings, violence, killings

and maiming of any kind.

"I can only make it perfectly clear to all the people of the world that this is contrary to democracy of any kind in the world. These people (the IRA) have no respect for democracy, either north of the border or south of the border.

"They are enemies of freedom and enemies of justice and they must be treated that way," she added.

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## Kuwait to take part in youth camp

KUWAITI youths will take part in the second labour camp for youths of GCC states to be organised in Sudan this month, according to Jideh Al Ajmi, director of labour camps for youths.

He added that the Kuwaiti delegation will consist of 10 youths and administrators.

He said that the ministers of youths of GCC states reviewed a report on the first joint labour camp held in Manila in 1986. The present camp will be held according to the ministers' decision taken at their meeting in the UAE last year.

The present camp will consist of 60 youths from the GCC states and 60 from Sudan and be administered by 12 administrators from the GCC states, four from GCC Secretariat and six from Sudan.

The members of the joint camp will build a store at camp headquarters in Sudan, build classrooms in three primary schools, and complete afforestation and environmental projects, he said.

## Kuwait is free from cholera

THE director of the public health department at the Ministry of Public Health Dr. Rashed Al Uwaish appealed to citizens and expatriates — especially those who come from India — to visit the nearest health centre when they suffer from severe diarrhoea and vomiting.

He said that Kuwait is free from cholera and added that the vigilance of the ministry in preventing the entry to foodstuffs carried by passengers has helped in preventing the diseases from entering into the country.

Dr Al Uwaish pointed out that there were 137 reported cases of cholera in the summer of 1985 and 33 cases in the summer of 1986 while it reported only four expatriate cases last year.

He added that it is difficult for this disease to spread in Kuwait due to the availability of good sewage networks, clean drinking water and strict control on imported foodstuffs.

The centres of the ministry that were opened to examine the expatriate manpower discovered 160 cases of malaria, 15 cases of filariasis and 100 cases of TB among expatriate workers till July end he said.

## 21 exhibitions will be held

SALEH HAMDAN, the public relations director at Kuwait International Fair Company, has said that 21 different exhibitions will be organised at the exhibition grounds in Mishref between August 1988 and December 1989.

He added that the most important exhibitions would be the 14th and 15th Arab Book exhibitions from Nov 23 to Dec 2, 1988 and Nov 29 to Dec 8, 1989 respectively. Two children's exhibitions, the first from Dec 7 to 19, 1988 and the second in December 1989, the Kuwait modern fashions exhibition from Nov 2 to 7, 1988, the 10th festival of children's toys and books in March 1989, the Kuwait tourism exhibition from March 26 to April 20, 1989 and the third medical exhibition in November 1989.

He pointed out that the company aimed at competing with international exhibitions and that it had constructed a site occupying 1,600 square metres in the Mishref area, comprising galleries, showrooms, car parks and public utilities.

He added that the company also planned to build commercial complexes and entertainment centres to meet future needs.

# Arms deal amendments correspond to Kuwait's interests: Sheikh Sabah

DEPUTY Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said yesterday Kuwait agreed to amend an arms deal with the United States.

Sheikh Sabah told reporters the amendments correspond to Kuwait's interests.

Kuwait had officially asked the US to sell 40 F-18 aircraft, Maverick missiles and bombs worth \$1.9 billion.

**Opposed**  
The deal was opposed by pro-Israeli US congressmen who led the Senate to veto the inclusion of the advanced Maverick missiles in the deal.

However, HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah during his visit to Washington last month persuaded neutral parties in Congress to approve the deal after assuring that the arms will be used to defend Kuwait and not for any other purposes.



Sheikh Sabah

US Secretary of State George Shultz later declared that the American administration and the Congress had reached a com-

promise on the deal, namely to supply Kuwait with Maverick-G missiles which are less advanced than the Maverick-Ds.

The New York Times newspaper had reported that pro-Israeli congressmen had agreed to sell Kuwait 300 Maverick-G missiles instead of 100 Maverick-D missiles.

**Designed**  
The G version of the infrared guided missile was designed primarily for use against ships while the D version was for use against tanks.

Key US congressmen said on Wednesday they had agreed with the Reagan administration to stretch out delivery of the weapons and to exchange the F-18s on a one-for-one basis with A-4 aircraft now in Kuwait's possession.

They said delivery of the F-18s would be extended to 1994 instead of being completed by 1993.

Meanwhile, an Abu Dhabi daily said the American administration was quick to agree with the Congress on the arms deal to Kuwait, after reports that Britain and France offered to meet the military requirements of Kuwait.

A military source in the British Ministry of Defence was quoted by Al Itihad daily newspaper as saying that his country was prepared to supply all the needs of Kuwait if the US Congress had turned down the deal.

He added that such a huge deal would provide any arms-producing country with a lot of liquidity.

**Balked**  
Washington learned from past lessons when an Arab country turned to Europe for an arms deal when Washington balked at supplying, the source said.

He was apparently referring to last month's Saudi-British multi-billion dollar deal.

## Selective ban on outflow of workers may be imposed

## Sri Lanka determined to stop job racketeering

By Jadranka Porter

SRI LANKA is planning to place a selective ban on the outflow of its workers seeking employment abroad in a bid to stem job racketeering in the country, according to G. Soysa, a member of a delegation, which was led by Sri Lanka's Deputy Labour Minister Dayananda Wicramasinghe.

This means that only the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment and licensed agents will be able to send workers abroad, said Soysa, the bureau's chairman.

**Sizing up**  
The legislation enforcing the partial ban could affect the influx of Sri Lankan labour force in the Gulf which employs the largest number of Sri Lankan women abroad.

The delegation yesterday ended a two-day unofficial visit to Kuwait aimed at sizing up the situation of Sri Lankan workers in the Gulf state.

Soysa told the Arab Times that the bureau would be responsible for training, certifying, and repatriation, which is currently a sponsor's responsibility, of Sri Lankan workers.

The new law does not preclude Sri Lanka from striking bilateral

agreements with foreign governments which would provide adequate protection for Sri Lankan workers and reduce the number of labour disputes.

**Problems**  
"We have friendly relations with the Gulf states and that is why we would like to bring more order into the recruitment system," said Soysa.

"Most of our workers are happy with their jobs in the Gulf, but there have been some problems too," said Soysa. Sri Lanka is seeking a better control of the recruitment system to prevent exploitation and labour disputes both at home and abroad.

The Sri Lankan labour force in Kuwait numbers about 70,000 out of which about 60,000 are women — the most frequent subjects of exploitation and disputes.

The island state is the only country among Asia's large exporters of labour which has not placed restrictions on the outflow of its workers.

Sri Lanka is ready to push for an agreement with Kuwait which would improve the recruitment system.

The solution, he says, has to rely on active participation of both Sri Lanka and Kuwait.



Soysa: legislation

The delegation plans to return to Kuwait for an official visit in October.

"We have undertaken measures to stem the exploitation at our end," said Soysa. These include tough legislation with jail penalties for recruitment agents who demand or take commissions or make false promises.

The Sri Lankans would like to see a tighter grip by the local authorities on Kuwait's recruitment agents.

"One of the major problems

we face is the illegal recruitment in Sri Lanka and Kuwait which basically means that the workers have to buy their jobs," said Soysa.

He also proposes a sort of a detention centre in Kuwait which would offer a refuge and counselling for Sri Lankan maids who run away from their employers.

"A maid who runs away from her employer by this act commits an offence. And she has no one to assist her," he said. Domestic helpers are not covered by labour law.

The maids who run away are usually not well-adjusted to the new working situation or suffer from loneliness. Their problems in some cases are compounded by poor communication and misunderstandings, said Soysa. Counselling could iron out some of these problems, he said.

**Trains**  
To help prepare Sri Lankan women, who are in most cases housewives, for jobs abroad the bureau trains them at its Central Training Institute. Every month the institute turns out 1,000 certified maids.

The delegation left for Qatar yesterday where they would work on a joint manpower agreement.

## Successful visit

THE assistant to Egypt's Minister of Justice for Judicial Studies Affairs Samir Naji in an interview with a local daily described his visit to Kuwait as very successful.

Naji on Thursday met with the Kuwaiti Undersecretary at the Ministry of Justice, Naser Hamad Al Roumi along with Kuwait's Attorney General Hamed Al Othman, the Assistant Undersecretary for Legal Affairs Abdul Aziz Al Dhakeel, and the advisor at the Kuwait's Court of Appeal Abdul Aziz Al Fahd.

Also speaking to the daily, Al Roumi said his talks with the Egyptian official focussed on sending some Kuwaiti public prosecutors to Egypt for training. This was in keeping with the accord recently signed in Cairo between the Kuwaiti Minister of Justice and his Egyptian counterpart.

The first batch of trainees will be sent next October.

## ROYAL COURT

### Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed.

The Amir also received the Algerian ambassador to Kuwait on the occasion of ending his diplomatic mission.

### Amiri cable

HH the Amir yesterday sent a cable of congratulations to Bolivia's President on his country's National Day.

### Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, Social and Labour Affairs Minister Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed and Hawalli Governor Sheikh Salman Al Hmaid.

### Crown Prince message

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday sent a congratulatory message to the President of the United Arab Emirates Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan on the occasion of his accession as ruler of Abu Dhabi.

# Anyone spreading AIDS intentionally 'will be punished'

A RANKING Kuwaiti health official yesterday revealed that the government is looking into a law which would include an article incriminating a person who knowingly transmits AIDS.

The Undersecretary of Ministry of Health, Nael Al Naqeb, said the draft law would deal with the legal ties between the carrier of the AIDS virus and those in direct contact with him like a spouse, in addition to the position of Islam toward such cases.

### Carriers

Dr Al Naqeb indicated that 20 AIDS carriers have been discovered, four of whom are Kuwaitis and the rest are expatriates, who have been deported.

He stressed that none of these carriers showed any symptoms of the deadly illness, noting that the four Kuwaiti carriers are not being isolated at the hospital for contagious diseases and they are in good health.

A carrier of the AIDS virus is not labelled as a patient unless he displays symptoms of the fatal disease, spearheaded by the collapse of the immunity system. It takes two to five years for a carrier to show any signs of AIDS.

Dr Al Naqeb said the 20 cases



Dr Nael Al Naqeb

were discovered during routine lab tests, required before getting a job or a visa.

Kuwaiti residency laws stipulate that a non-Kuwaiti must go through lab tests to make sure he is free of the devastating AIDS virus.

### Quarantined

In another interview with KUNA, director of the Hospital of Contagious Diseases Dr. Abdel Aziz Al Enezi said that carriers of the virus are quarantined in the hospital to study their overall health conditions and prevent a possible spill-over of the illness.

He noted that carriers are given a detailed report on the nature of the disease and are assured that they can be treated

since they are in the early phases of the disease.

Dr Al Enezi affirmed that those put in isolation were given special treatment during their hospital stay, noting that such a step is aimed at containing the disease.

He explained that AIDS can only be transmitted through a sexual intercourse or drug use, stressing that sitting and eating with carriers do not contribute to the communication of the virus. A ranking official at the hospital emphasised that the Health Ministry treats information on patients with the utmost secrecy, such as giving their lab tests special number rather than names.

### Symptoms

Describing the AIDS symptoms, the official said that the patient initially suffers an enlargement of the lymph nodes around the neck, in the underarms and pubes. Later he complains of high body temperature, diarrhoea and loss of appetite.

Dr Al Enezi added that the carrier is then invaded by what is called opportunistic microorganisms, which lead to the deterioration of the immune system.

He noted that the patient can be treated with antibiotics, but stressed that the person might suffer a relapse which in turn leads to his death.

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## Kuwait has only one private clinic for psychiatric treatment

STATISTICS at the Ministry of Public Health indicate that 30 per cent of patients visiting clinics due to psychological symptoms suffer from mental problems which are reflected on their general health status.

Many who suffer from daily distress need the advice of specialists to better cope with their lives.

**Common**  
In the Western world, clinics and medical centres which deal with psychological problems are common. Doctors are not necessarily masters or doctorate holders, but, are trained and qualified to deal with these cases.

These doctors mostly depend on weekly psychological sessions for treatment and have proved successful in treating various mental distress cases and cases such as fear or uncomplicated disorders.

Some doctors are family counsellors specialising in husband and wife problems. A session might take 50 to 60 minutes lasting from six months to several years.

Kuwait, has only one such private clinic, which was opened more than three years ago and is owned by Dr. Rashid Al Rashid a

specialist in psychiatry. He deals with different psychological problems requiring weekly sessions lasting an hour each.

Dr Al Rashid charges KD20 per session which is equivalent to what similar psychologists receive in America or Europe.

What is confusing is that licences to practise this profession are granted by the Ministry of Commerce and not the Ministry of Public Health.

Officials at the licensing department in the Ministry of Public Health say that psychologists do not graduate from medical colleges and as such the health department are not permitted to issue prescriptions.

**Crowded**  
However, in most countries of the world, it is clear that these specialists deal with the human state of mind and it is only logical that they should get their permits from the Ministry of Public Health.

Dr Al Rashid is of the opinion that it is more logical for the Ministry of Public Health to process applications of psychiatrists.

Kuwait has only one hospital that deals with mental patients and according to residents and

doctors, the hospital is suffering from several problems.

Dr Dar Ezzat pointed out that the psychiatry hospital is crowded with patients. One doctor has more than 50 patients daily and the time he can allocate to a patient is most adequate, he added.

Since there are no psychological clinics available in Kuwait, some people prefer to live with their problems rather than going to the hospital and the affluent prefer going outside Kuwait for hospitalisation.

Dr Al Rashid said that officials should not forget that the population in Kuwait has doubled and the same applies to mental patients.

Not permitting private clinics to open within Kuwait was due to a political decision passed by the Ministry of Public Health a long time back. The government fears that such a speciality could be abused.

**No guarantees**  
However, Rashid said this is quite possible also in other parts of the world where patients are treated and there were no guarantees in this respect to patients treated outside Kuwait.

He added that patients have

the right to choose between private clinics and hospitals and should not be deprived of doing so.

Permitting private clinics to open will ease the pressure on the psychiatry hospital and will in turn improve treatment levels.

He stressed that mental patients are better treated in their environments and among their families.

He commented that the medical staff is considered one of the best in the Gulf area and have the highest international degrees.

Dr Hussain Darwish working as a specialist in psychiatry since 30 years, says that psychiatrists in Kuwait are not appreciated.

Dr Nael Al Naqeb, the undersecretary at the Ministry of Public Health says that most patients do not really require treatment.

**Concept**  
The undersecretary pointed out that there are many ideas under study to improve the psychiatry hospital. The concept of outside psychiatry clinics is one such issue, others include incorporating psychiatry hospitalisation within government hospitals, he added.

He explained that opening psychiatry departments at public hospitals requires establishing a small hospital at every government hospital. Thus, the ministry should provide special budgets and more staff.

Dr Al Naqeb pointed out that the government has already started studies to open a new hospital for psychiatry and the project is expected to commence as soon as possible.

Continuing, he said, addiction has begun to take on new dimensions in Kuwait. The number of addicts are increasing and it has become necessary to establish a separate hospital to deal with such cases.

**Possibility**  
Presently, all cases are being transferred to the Chest Diseases Hospital which is gradually being converted into a centre to deal with drug addiction cases only, he said.

Fifteen doctors were appointed recently at the psychiatry hospital and there is a possibility of appointing more doctors in the near future. The nursing staff will also be increased by deploying 50 new nurses at different hospitals, he added.

The undersecretary said that there are some legal problems which prevent granting the Ministry of Public Health the authority to issue licences to private clinics.

## Traffic accidents cause 17pc of deaths

THE director of research and studies department at the Ministry of Interior, Colonel Abdul Majeed Khuraibet, said that 17 per cent of deaths in Kuwait are attributed to traffic accidents.

In an interview with the internal magazine of the Ministry of Interior he said that 80 per cent of those killed in accidents are under 50 years of age.

### Violations

The official explained that there are seven main kinds of traffic violations in Kuwait: speeding, driving without a licence, reckless driving, parking in prohibited zones, overloaded vehicles, expiration of car insurance and violation of plate numbers.

As per statistics, 232,000 violations were recorded in 1987. There were 114,832 violations in the Capital Governorate, 67,945 in Hawalli, 9,826 in Ahmadi, 20,530 in Jahra, 6,497 at motorways, 12,422 reported by emergency patrols, and, 8,359 violations of safety, he said.

Colonel Khuraibet pointed out that road accidents cannot be attributed to drivers alone as

most cars exported to Arab countries do not meet required technical specifications in their safety designs.

**Oblige**  
Traffic laws in some Arab countries do not oblige importers to meet safety conditions of vehicles, as these countries lack technical studies on safety aspects of cars, he said.

The official cited a field study on 2,350 salon cars manufactured before 1980. The 1983 study indicated that 83.5 per cent of those models in Kuwait were not safe and suffered from dangerous technical faults as per international security specifications.

### Importance

The study showed that three per cent of these cars were scrap, 14 per cent had mild technical faults, 2.5 per cent were safe under good conditions, and, 39 per cent emitted high levels of CO.

A traffic department study on trucks indicated that 15 per cent had slight technical faults, 72 per cent had vital faults and 13 per cent were unsafe for use.

Colonel Khuraibet stressed on the importance of meeting technical specifications of vehicles to protect passengers, pedestrians and the environment.

Gases from car exhausts are the cause of various health problems, cars that meet international specifications will contribute to preventing accidents and are as well economical in the long run, he said.

## Directory

IBRAHIM Mohammed Hadi, the secretary-general at the Environment Protection Council said that the GCC General Secretariat recently issued a directory on the Arab and Gulf environmental experiences.

In an interview with a local daily, Hadi said that the new directory was based on the one issued by Kuwait's Environment Council three years ago.

The directory includes all specialisations in the environmental field and is a source of reference on environment in Kuwait and other countries he said.

## Somali minister ends visit

SOMALI Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Dr. Mohammed Ali Hamed left Kuwait yesterday, concluding a four-day visit to the country.

He was seen off at the airport by Minister of State for Services Issa Al Mazidi, Somali Ambassador to Kuwait Mohammed Malingur and Najeh Abdalla Al Baghli of the protocol department at the Foreign Ministry.

Hamed had conveyed a message to HH the Amir from Somali President Mohammed Siad Barre.

Hamed also held talks with HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed on bilateral relations and problems in the Horn of Africa as well as the situation in Somalia.

The minister, in an interview with KUNA, said that Mogadishu believes in that method and has already used it to amend relations with Ethiopia.

He hoped, in this respect, that Addis Ababa would execute the agreement, signed between the two countries in April this year so

as to establish mutual trust.

Hamed said the agreement, a preliminary accord to finding a just and lasting peace to basic problems between the two countries, stipulated the disengagement of forces and withdrawal of each country's troops 15 kilometres back, ending hostile propaganda campaigns and sabotage operations, normalisation of relations and exchange of prisoners.

Most of the articles have been implemented, he noted, hoping that Ethiopia will complete application of the rest to establish trust between the two nations.

Asked to comment on the ongoing negotiations in the UN to end the Iraq-Iran war after Tehran's acceptance of the Security Council Resolution 598, Hamed said that "any Arab or Muslim regrets this destructive war that has been going on for a long time to no avail."

He added Somalia has welcomed Iran's approval of Resolution 598 and hopes that the UN Secretary-General would be successful in finding means of halting this war.



TMJ advertising network held its annual management meeting at the Cairo Samirannis Intercontinental Hotel. During the three-day meeting the company's future plans were reviewed and discussed in depth. The opening session was attended by Mr. Mohammed Said Tayyeb, the delegate member of the Board of Directors. Representing TMJ were Messrs. Talal Dhulaymi, Chief Executive Officer, Roy Haddad, Chief Operating Officer, Hassan Bashawri, Colin Bailey, Elias Ashkar, Bernard Bidi, Khaled Habib, Tarik Sultan, Amr Koura, Fouad Tawil, Pierre Abu Diwan, Abubaker Abdul Haleem and Maher Kamel.



## Children's theatre

## Taking stock of past progress

FOR Awatif Al Bader, children's theatre is a year-long project, rather than one restricted to Eid and holidays.

On Nov 1, 1978, she staged the first Kuwaiti play for children at the Special Institutes Theatre. Now, 10 years and countless plays later, she plans to divert her energies away from production and into other sectors of children's theatre — but only for a while.

"We need to stop what we're doing and examine our progress in the field over the last decade or so," Al Bader stated recently. "Standards must be set to protect the chil-

dren."

She lamented that a number of recent plays had failed to achieve the sought objectives. Children's theatre, she said, served both educational and entertainment purposes and so should deal with matters that would help to develop latent talents and general behaviour.

Al Bader advocated stricter censorship of scripts, especially of plays geared towards the younger audience. Lifestyles representing traditions and habits alien or contrary to a child's culture could have only a detrimental effect on his mentality and education.



Awatif Al Bader advocates stricter censorship of scripts in order to protect children.



Qasem Hashem Awad: In the same profession for 92 years.

## Wife wanted — no age limit

WANTED: a wife. Prospective groom is healthy, has a steady job and has never been married. His age: 101 years.

Qasem Hashem Awad, an Iraqi, first came to Kuwait 35 years ago. His daily wages at the time amounted to 400 fils, a substantially greater sum than his very first wages: two fils a day, in 1896.

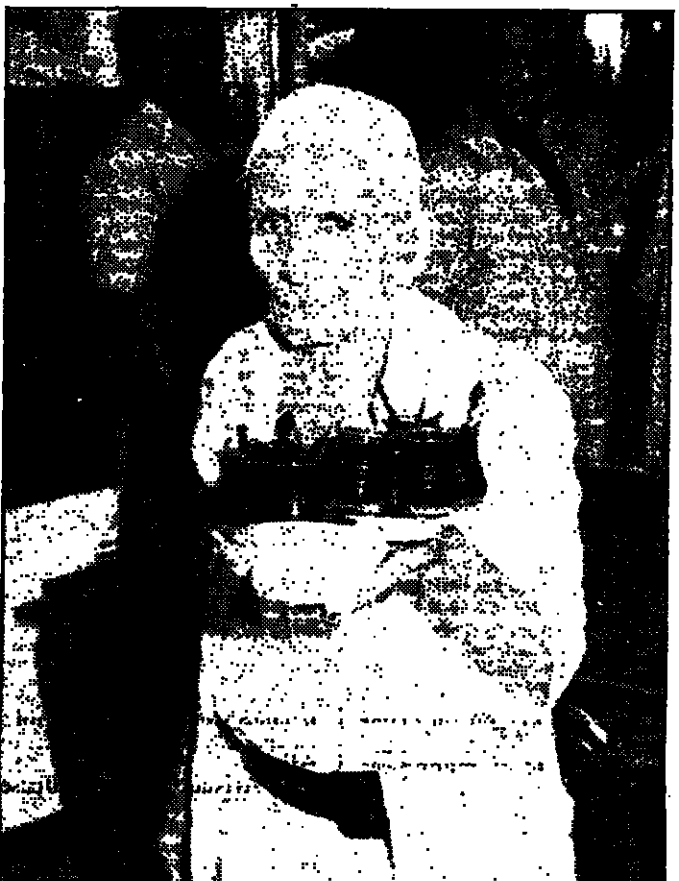
Awad does not claim knowledge of a life-prolonging formula; he stressed that he has never paid any attention to his health. He has never needed to: throughout his long life, not once has he been admitted into hospital.

Awad's daily intake is

limited to a loaf of bread and soup. He smokes four packs of cigarettes a day and drinks 20 cups of tea. He sleeps about four hours every day.

He can neither read nor write, but has been following the latest developments between Iraq and Iran with great interest and his role-models include President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

His one unaccomplished hope remains marriage. Asked what characteristics he was looking for in a wife, he replied that simply being married would be enough to make him happy; beyond that, he wasn't too fussy.



Awad: his role-models include Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya, houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

## Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

## Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

## SOCIAL

## German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

## Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

## Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

## Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

## Malayalam debate

A series of debates on Malayalam cinema are being held this month. The topics are: A discussion on the important creations of Malayalam cinema (Aug 12); the different stages of cinema production and its influence on entertainment (Aug 19).

The discussions will be carried out mainly in Malayalam. For information on time and venue, please contact Karun, 4814477.

## Indian Arts Circle

The Indian Arts Circle will stage a programme at 7.30 pm, Aug 18, to mark the end of a year's celebration of the 40th anniversary of India's independence. All Indians are cordially invited.

## Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese 4314511; Thomas Perumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Verghese Paradayil — 2422973.

## D'Alessi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August on 5746754 after 6 pm.

## HOTELS

**At the Maridien**  
La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

## At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

## At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers international buffet meals at lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am; a la carte also available. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at Viennese Cafe. The Hanging Babylon Gardens are ideal for a period of quiet relaxation.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrada barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Super club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

Recreation facilities include squash and tennis courts, male/female gymnasiums with saunas, solaria, whirlpools, and massage and relaxation rooms.

## At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

At the Faleika restaurant, select from a wide variety of dishes to make your own table buffet. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12.30 pm and 7.30-11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special-baked cheesecake — are available at La Patisserie. Open daily 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

**At the Kuwait Plaza Hotel**  
The Al Dallah coffee shop offers buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as a set menu mini business lunch. Light snacks and ice-cream are available at the International Food Arcade; open 10.00 am to 11.00 pm.

Enjoy Turkish cuisine, a la carte, at the Bosphorus restaurant. Open for lunch and dinner every day except Saturday.

The Marco Polo restaurant offers Italian food, live music and a candlelight atmosphere.

There is a Filipino Night every Sunday 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm; live entertainment provided.

## At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

## At the Ramada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

## SPORTS

## IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

## Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

**PBAK bowling tournament**  
The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimang 4843447.

## Kuwait Nomads

Kuwait Nomads pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7.30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

## KTV 1

9:00 Holy Quran  
9:15 Good-morning  
9:30 Cartoons  
10:15 Dawa Lil Hub: starring Mirvat Amin, Mustaf Fahmi, Iman Al Tuki  
11:15 Ala Dunya Al Salam: Arabic serial, starring Suad Abdullah, Hayat Al Fahd  
12:15 Justice: foreign weekly serial  
1:30 Variety Show  
2:30 Al-Sarab: Arabic serial starring Mahmoud Saeed, Abu Ghareeb, Abeer Issa  
3:35 Cartoons  
4:15 Arabic feature film: "Tal Al Aqareb" starring Noura, Younis Shalabi, Salah Qabeel  
6:00 Al Jawhara: children's serial  
7:30 Dewanija Shuara Al Nabat  
8:30 Waqalat Al Arab  
9:45 Al Hussan: Arabic daily serial starring Samiha Ayoub and Saad Ardash  
10:30 Special programme with musician Abdul Fattah Mansi  
11:30 News summary  
11:35 World today via satellite/Holy Quran Closedown

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 2

6:00 Holy Quran  
6:10 Heathcliff  
6:30 3-2-1 Contact: a programme on various types of primitive and developed means of communications  
7:00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi  
7:30 Valerie: "The Six" Valerie notices her son acting rather strange after a date.  
8:00 News in English  
8:30 The Flying Doctors  
9:30 My Two Dads: "Nicole's First Date" Once again, opinions differ at home and the case of Nicole's first date is referred to the magistrate.  
10:00 Hillary's Adventures: "Deer Recovery"  
10:30 Bestseller: "The Perfect Spy", based on John Le Carre's novel.  
11:30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown



A Perfect Spy, the mini-series based on John Le Carre's best-selling novel, continues tonight on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm.

## English

Morning  
0800 Opening  
0802 Songs and Music  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Daily Programme  
0900 Bands with a beat  
0930 Songs and Music  
1000 Our Press Today  
1005 Songs and Music  
1030 Pick of the Pops  
1100 Closedown  
1330 News on FM Service

Evening  
2100 Opening  
2102 The Young Sound  
2130 News  
2145 Point of View  
2155 Songs and Music  
2200 The World of Sports  
2215 In the French Mood  
2245 Daily Programme  
2300 Pop Session Special  
2400 Closedown

## NIGHT CHEMIST

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Al Mutawa Pharmacy  
Al Hilali St.  
Hawalli and Nuqra  
Al Ribab Pharmacy  
Tunis St., Al Ribab Complex, Hawalli.  
Salamiya and Rumeithiya  
Sima Pharmacy  
Baghdad St.  
Fahsheel and Ahmadi  
Al Badiya Pharmacy  
Al Dabbous St., Mohammed Jassem Bldg., Fahsheel  
Kheitan  
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## PRAYERS

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## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
The Running Man  
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Al Salamiya  
Reserved for Al Jazira Theatre  
Al Hambra  
Hekayat Nus Million Gen-aih (Arabic)  
Starring: Yahya Fakharani and Ilham Shabin  
Drive-In  
Al Folous Wa Al Wohoush  
Starring: Mohammed Subhi and Madiha Kamel  
Al Firdous  
Kunwara Baap (Hindi)  
Starring: Sanjeev Kumar and Vinod Mehra  
Fahsheel Open-Air  
Phaansi Ki Baad (Hindi)  
Al Fahsheel  
The Slipper and the Rose  
Al Jahra  
Mang Bhara Sajana (Hindi)

Granada  
Aakhri Adaalat (Hindi)  
Salaibkhat  
Secret Admirer  
Al Jleeb  
Aan Kiliyude Tharrattu (Malayalam)  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
The Last Hunter



Sanjeev Kumar in Kunwara Baap, currently showing at Al Firdous.

## RADIO PROGRAMMES

## BBC World Services

0000 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Radio Newsweek  
30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor (ex 28th)  
0100 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: The Woodlanders — Parts 1-4  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 The Third Policeman  
30 The Ken Bruce Show  
0300 World News  
09 News About Britain  
15 From Our Own Correspondent  
30 Trivia Test Match  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 English Songsmiths  
45 Reflections  
50 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 The A-Z of Hollywood  
45 Letter from America  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 Five Faces of Jazz  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From Our Own Correspondent  
45 Words  
50 Waveguide  
0800 World News  
09 Reflections  
15 The Pleasure's Yours  
0900 World News

09 British Press Review  
15 Science in Action  
45 A Life at the UN (ex 21st and 28th Whither Wisdom?)  
1000 News Summary followed by Short Story  
15 Classical Record Review  
30 Religious Service  
1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 From Our Own Correspondent  
30 Bernstein: Composer and Conductor (ex 28th)  
1200 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: The Woodlanders — Parts 1-4  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Sports Roundup  
45 The Toxy Myatt Request Show including at  
1400 News Summary  
1430 Trivia Test Match  
1500 Radio Newsweek  
15 From the Proms  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The Cross and the Crescent  
45 Letter from America  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 Five Faces of Jazz  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newsdesk  
30 Brain of Britain 1988 (ex 28th)  
1900 News Summary followed by Play of the Week: The Woodlanders — Parts 1-4  
2000 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Sunday Half Hour  
2100 News Summary followed by

Short Story  
15 The Pleasure's Yours  
2200 World News  
09 The Third Policeman  
25 Book Choice  
30 Financial Review  
40 Reflections  
45 Sports Roundup

## FM Services

0800 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Latin American Hour  
1800 Pops  
1900 Helter Skelter  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Jazz Hour  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Music  
0200 Closedown

## Urdu

1900 Opening  
1910 Behereen Qaul  
1916 Programme Preview  
1920 Songs  
1930 Press Report  
1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet  
2000 News  
2020 Songs  
2040 Geet Kahani  
2100 Closedown



The Hatid Ligaya-Abughosh Bowling Team, champion of the Palarong Pilipino Bowling '88, hosted a victory party recently. The team was led by Manny Inserto (standing far right).

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NOTHING goes swifter than the years — Ovid, Roman poet (about 43 BC to 17 AD).

## Jordan's recent moves

## Hussein puzzles State Department

By Barry Schweld

WASHINGTON, (AP): The American investment in Jordan's King Hussein — in peace dreams and hard weapons — is so great the State Department cannot imagine going ahead without him as it seeks peace in the Middle East.

Despite the steps he has taken over the past weeks to sever ties to the West Bank, the Department rests its faint hopes for negotiation on the assumption Hussein will play a role in any settlement.

The king's declaration Sunday abandoning any claim to the Israeli-occupied West Bank to the Palestine Liberation Organization has not prompted a change in US policy or in Secretary of State George Shultz's formula peace talks.

There is no place in the US plan for a PLO seat at the negotiating table, nor for a separate Palestinian delegation. The State Department still would like "responsible Palestinians" to join a delegation with Jordan and to meet with Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy during his current trip to the Middle East.

## Prohibited

But any meeting by Shultz, Murphy or other American diplomats with the PLO remain prohibited until and unless Yasser Arafat's Organization accepts Israel's right to exist and renounces terrorism.

Vernon Walters, the US permanent representative to the United Nations, said Thursday there should be "some sort of a Palestinian delegation" at the peace table.

But State Department officials hastened to explain that Walters was not signaling a change from the idea of a mixed delegation promoted by Shultz. "Our positions remain as they were before," spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said.

When Murphy reaches Jordan during his current regional tour, he will seek clarification of the king's declaration severing administrative and legal links to the West Bank, his abandonment of a special fund to assist Palestinian Arabs and Jordan's announcement Thursday that 21,000 Palestinian civil servants would be dismissed or retired.

In the meantime, though, a State Department official who keeps a close eye on the twists and

turns in the Middle East said, "we don't have any indication the Jordanians are going to be breaking their ties to the West Bank. Absolutely not."

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, cited Jordan's control of passports and bridges in the area. West Bank farmers still are shipping their goods to Jordan and through it to other Arab countries. Members of divided families visit back and forth.

Hussein still is paying for the upkeep of religious schools and other institutions. "The economic link is still there," the official said.

Jordanian dinars are the common currency on the West Bank. Jordanian law often is applied. Many of the Palestinian Arabs hold Jordanian citizenship.

The territory was controlled by Jordan from 1948 to 1967. Ever since Israel captured the West Bank and Gaza in the 1967 six-day war, US policy has been based on the assumption Jordan wanted to run the West Bank again.

Walters stressed that Jordan's border with Israel precludes the detachment of Hussein from the Middle East peace efforts. The king has met through the years with Israeli leaders. And despite his differences with Israel, the king has erected an implicit barrier that has kept terrorists from penetrating.

As Hussein began to make his West Bank moves last week, State Department officials suggested privately the king was deliberately putting the PLO on the spot after a series of disappointments.

**Refused**  
His efforts to form a mixed delegation with the PLO were torpedoed by Arafat in 1986, a year after they had agreed to try. Except for two members of the Palestine National Council, the PLO has refused to permit Palestinians to meet with Shultz or to volunteer for participation in the Jordanian-led delegation.

In effect, the king out of frustration may be inviting the PLO to see if it can work out a better deal for the Palestinians than the one he has sought in the fact of PLO opposition. Failure then could mean a call on Hussein by the Arabs to step in.

Of course, Hussein also has been frustrated by the refusal of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to guarantee a withdrawal from the West Bank.

## Burma close to political chaos

By Joseph de Rienzo

BANGKOK, (Reuters): Burma is heading for a political crisis, possibly beyond anything its new leader Sein Lwin can do to prevent bloodshed and save the ruling Socialist Party, according to Burmese and foreign political analysts.

Thousands of anti-government protesters massed in Rangoon on Thursday and security forces fired warning shots to disperse them. They gathered in several parts of the city in defiance of martial law imposed by the new Socialist Party leader and president on Wednesday.

One Western envoy said: "The government's effort to deter protests by declaration of martial law has failed."

Students, after years of intimidation, have been leading the protest. Diplomats said martial law was imposed to pre-empt demonstrations planned for next Monday on the eighth day of the eighth month of the year 88 — considered a portentous date.

Western diplomats said it appeared that disciplined Army troops and demonstrators were at pains to avoid violence but added tensions, fuelled by simmering grievances over repression and declining living standards, could lead to a showdown.

## Poorest

Sein Lwin took over from Burma Socialist Programme Party founder Ne Win whose "Burmese way to Socialism" — a mix of militarism, Marxism and Buddhism — is blamed for turning the country into one of the world's 10 poorest states.

Sein Lwin, who was responsible for the riot police before taking overall power, is seen by many Burmese as a symbol of

state oppression in a military-led one-party administration.

He directed the 1988 riot police accused of killing, torturing and raping people who took part in anti-government demonstrations that turned into riots after police intervention in March and June.

Last Friday after Sein Lwin's takeover, authorities jailed outspoken critic Aung Mye and at least nine others accused of anti-government activities.

One Western diplomat in Rangoon said Sein Lwin had already begun to implement changes which could potentially bring Burma back from the brink of chaos and develop its rich timber, oil, mineral, farm and other resources.

## Corruption

In a speech on Tuesday Sein Lwin demanded action on human rights abuses, told judges to end corruption in courts and said there had to be an end to bribery and wastage in public life.

Sein Lwin has also announced new policies including a welcome of foreign investment, encouragement of private enterprise and joint ventures, and legalisation of border trade.

Analysts say the kyat currency may be devalued in a further indication of realism on the part of the government.

"Quite frankly Sein Lwin might do quite a good job as he has all Ne Win's mistakes as examples to avoid. If he can't cope, only one thing can happen — a military coup," one Burmese source said by telephone.

Sein Lwin's prospects hinge on Army support which would be in jeopardy if troops were ordered to shoot civilians, diplomats said.

## Israel's view of Gulf ceasefire

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: "It may be a dangerous development for us." That's how one Israeli defence source sizes up a possible ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war.

While welcomed elsewhere, the prospect of peace between Iraq and Iran raises fears here that Iraq's mighty war machine might some day be used against Israel. The two countries are long-time adversaries.

So far, official Israeli responses to the announcement that Tehran accepted a United Nations ceasefire resolution have been cautious and noncommittal.

But private Israeli analysts and well-placed Israeli officials, speaking off the record, agree that Israel will face no immediate threat from Baghdad when the fighting finally stops.

Iraq will need time to rebuild roads, towns, and industries, all

the while keeping a wary eye on Iran. The Iraqi people, having "tasted what war means" are unlikely to be eager for new military adventures any time soon, says Reserve Brig. Gen. Aharon Levan, head of the Middle East Military Balance Project at the Jaffe Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

Iraq will also be reluctant to close ranks against Israel with Syria, "an Arab sister that stabbed Iraq in the back" by supporting Iran in the Gulf war, says General Levan.

"The possibility of an eastern Arab coalition against Israel is almost nil," Levan adds.

Some Israelis believe that Iran's acceptance of the ceasefire resolution has now closed the

door on an opportunity for Israel to ensure that Iraq and Syria remain divided.

The secret Israeli arms sales to Iran, disclosed during the Iran-Contra investigation, were even counterproductive in this regard, several Israeli analysts say.

"If Israel had taken a more positive attitude toward Iraq and condemned the Gulf war more vigorously, it might have helped in getting Iraq in the camp of Mubarak and Hussein, working in the direction of peace," says Hebrew University Middle East specialist Amnon Netzer, referring to King Hussein of Jordan and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt.

There is conflicting evidence as to whether Baghdad actually sig-

nalled an interest in better relations with Israel during the war. But Iraq did restore ties with Washington and warm up to Egypt, once a pariah for making peace with Israel.

With or without such signals, Israel could have capitalized more effectively on Iraq's struggle to buy good will, some analysts now conclude.

Instead, Israel now faces a far more formidable Iraq that owes it no favours.

Since the start of the war, Iraq has doubled the size of its Army to 50 divisions, comparable to the United States Army. Israel has 12 divisions. Iraq has also upgraded its Soviet-supplied Scud-B surface-to-surface missiles which, armed with conven-

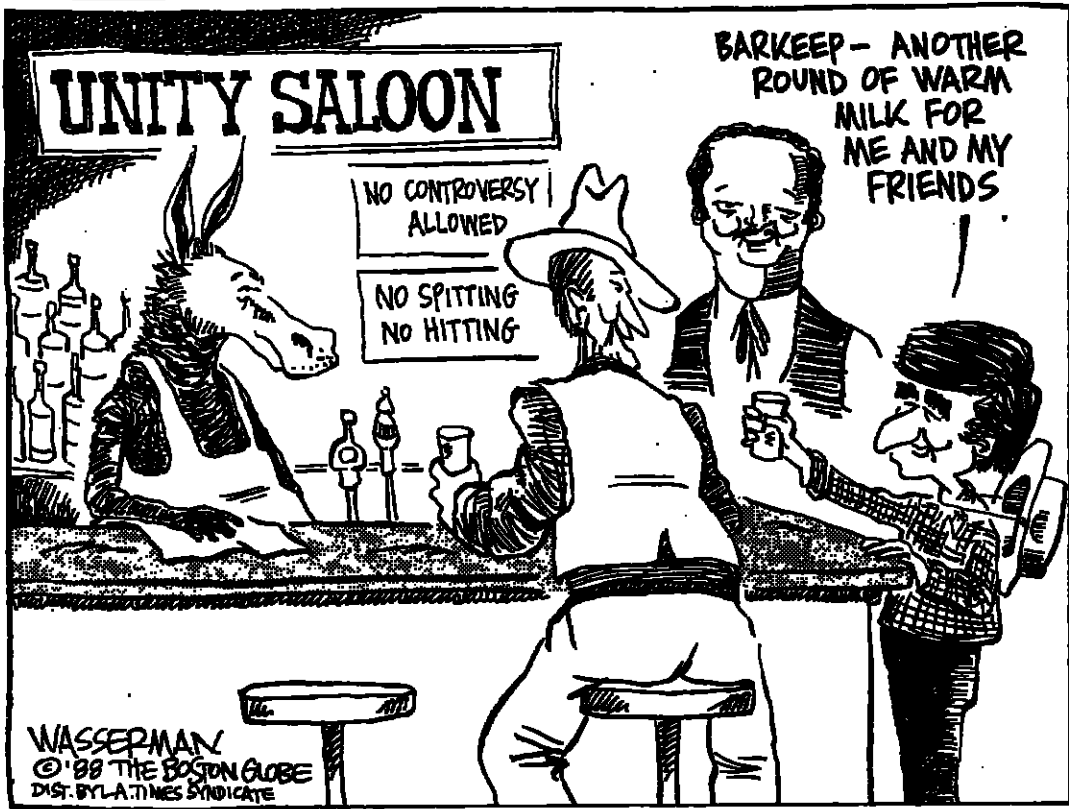
tional or chemical warheads, can now reach Israeli targets.

Israeli military sources are most worried about Iraq's improved mobilization capabilities, which could make it a major factor in any future Middle East war.

## Deploy

Israel and Iraq do not share a border. But, using specially made transport, Iraq can quickly deploy thousands of tanks and several divisions from the Iranian border to complement an attack launched from Syria or Jordan, Israeli military analysts say.

"Within one night we can find ourselves being faced with 1,000 tanks. It's alarming," says an Israeli defence source.



## Kohl's Moscow visit

## Rust release removes obstacle

By Susan Cornwell

MOSCOW, (Reuters): The release by the Soviet Union of young West German pilot Mathias Rust has removed a major obstacle to better relations with Bonn before an autumn visit to Moscow by Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Rust, 20, was released on Wednesday and put on a plane to West Germany, ending an episode that had detracted from painstaking progress being made in Soviet-West German ties following a lengthy chill.

Ever since Rust was imprisoned for his illegal flight to Red Square in May 1987 every West German politician visiting Moscow has found it necessary to appeal for his release.

The last was Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, in Moscow over the weekend. He declined at a news conference afterwards to talk about Rust saying public discussion of the sensitive case would not be helpful.

**Clear**  
In Bonn, an official spokesman indicated the decision to free Rust has seen as an attempt to clear the decks before Kohl leaves in the second half of October for his first visit to the Soviet capital since 1983.

The spokesman quoted the chancellor as saying Rust's release was "a positive gesture in view of my visit to Moscow."

The visit is expected to put to rest bad feelings caused by Kohl's comments in a November 1986 magazine interview comparing Gorbachev's publicity skills to those of Nazi Propaganda Minister Josef Goebbels.

Rust also said he thought his release from a four-year prison term after just over one year signalled improved ties between his homeland and the Kremlin.

**Improvement**  
He told Tass News Agency the decision to free him had been a "human act" but added: "I think this also attests to the overall improvement of relations between our countries."

He said he had no complaints against the Soviet authorities who had interrogated him, sentenced him and locked him up in Moscow's Lefortovo prison.

In recent months, both Bonn and Moscow have talked of writing a new page in their relations, including developing economic ties.

## Boost to Lebanon's search for President

By Paul Bolding

BEIRUT, (Reuters): A visit by assistant US Secretary of State Richard Murphy has given a boost to hopes of finding a leader acceptable to all the country's warring factions in the runup to presidential elections.

After weeks of stalemate, Murphy on Thursday presented Lebanese leaders with a list of six names and on Friday held talks in Damascus in a bid to narrow the choice further, political sources said.

"They (Americans) have come with determination to see a smooth and peaceful election ... this has speeded and focused the process," said one political source.

Parliament must choose a successor to President Amin Gemayel before his term expires on Sept 23 but past elections have been held several weeks before the deadline.

Although the ballot is secret, the choice is effectively the result of a consensus among different local and foreign powers.

## Nervousness

Security sources said Murphy's visit had eased mounting nervousness that the poll might not be held, leading to a power vacuum and possible new military confrontation among rival Christian and Muslim militias.

Army chief Michel Aoun, speaking before Murphy's visit, warned in an interview published on Friday he would send in troops to safeguard the election "at the slightest alert."

Murphy, who saw acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss, House Speaker Hussein Husseini and Gemayel, told reporters he hoped to see the election take place "in the coming days."

It was unclear how soon that might be.

The sources said Murphy had no intention of shutting out between Damascus and Beirut to see the election through. "He wants to settle it now," said one source.

A Western diplomat cautioned, however, that the process was still hedged with uncertainty. "We don't know what's going to happen. And then we don't know what's going to happen after whatever happens, happens," he said.

After 13 years of civil war, the election holds great importance for the Lebanese who want a leader to reconcile the different factions and stop the country disintegrating.

The leftist daily As-Safir said on Friday: "The countdown has begun ... there are not more than five or six names."

## Smoothing

Syria, long closely involved in Lebanon where it has some 25,000 troops, has been talking with the US for several months about smoothing the way to the election.

The sources told Reuters the six contenders, all Maronite Christians, were former Minister of Information Michel Eddé, members of parliament Pierre Helou and Rene Moawad, former Central Bank governor Michel El Khoury, lawyer Manuel Yunes and National Liberal Party leader Dany Chamoun.

American ambassador John Kelly produced the list from dozens of people regarded as possible contenders after talks with local Muslim and Christian groups allowed him to eliminate those who were "unelectable," the sources said.

The 1943 national covenant calls for the president to be a Maronite, the prime minister a Sunni Muslim and the House Speaker a Shi'ite Muslim.

## High-tech weapons outstrip US military's ability to use them

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): A Navy report this week citing human error in the US downing of an Iranian airliner has raised the issue of whether high technology weapons are outstripping the American military's ability to use them.

Defence analysts told Reuters they were not surprised by a leaked report blaming the crew of the computerized one-billion-dollar cruiser Vincennes, but said it pointed to a growing problem with complex weapons in tight situations: the human factor.

Since man began pouring boiling oil on opponents climbing castle walls, the experts said, weapons have depended on those manning them.

"Mistakes happen frequently in the fog of battle no matter how sophisticated the guns are," said Tom Longstrech of the private Federation of American scientists.

But now we have an ever more sophisticated and very expensive high tech Navy. Can you teach young people enough in a reasonable time so they can effectively use the weapons, especially if it comes to fighting the Russians?"

Defence officials, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters on Wednesday that Navy investigators cited crew error on the Vincennes for the July 3 downing of an Iranian airliner, killing 290 passengers and crew.

They said the report, to be officially released by Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci later,

suggested Vincennes radar operators mistakenly convinced themselves that the Iran Air A-300 Airbus was an F-14 fighter jet making a hostile run toward the ship.

The officials said the radar operators were under extreme stress because they were in combat for the first time. But some experts were sceptical because the Vincennes and its crew were designed and trained to combat the might of the Soviet Navy, whereas in the Gulf they were fighting three small Iranian speedboats.

Iranian UN representative Mohammad Mahallati, asked if he accepted the conclusion that human error was responsible, said: "I don't know what you mean by human error. Those people responsible for reading the Aegis (radar system) should have had sufficient training. Otherwise we wonder why those kind of people would have been put before that Aegis."

## Descending

US officials also said the Vincennes computerized radar did not show the airliner was descending toward the ship in an "attack mode" as was suggested by US Navy Admiral William Crowe just hours after the tragedy.

"I'm sure he wasn't intentionally lying about it," analyst Harlan Ullman of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies told Reuters when asked about the original claim of Crowe, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

But Ullman and others could not explain where the Crowe

On the political side, Israeli officials now worry that Iraq, no longer preoccupied with Tehran, could further complicate the Middle East peace process. Iraq, which always favoured a hard-line, has done little for the Arab cause during the Gulf war except permit the Palestine Liberation Organization to base its military command in Baghdad.

A group of moderate states, including Jordan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, have so far managed to offset the more extreme views of Syria, which has been particularly cool toward the recent US peace initiative. With Iraq in the balance on the "rejectionist" side, the climate for compromise may be less favourable.

"If Iraq can join Syria and pressure on the others, for us this is not a good step," adds another official Israeli source speaking on condition of anonymity. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

statement came from. And they noted that Tehran was right all along when it bitterly blamed US Navy incompetence for the incident.

"It's unfortunate that the report leaked," said Ullman. "But it shows that high tech is not a substitute for skill, timing and luck."

"The question here is not whether systems work, because this one did — it shot down an airplane. The question is in the policy which put a ship and that crew in a position to make a decision which might have been impossible in a few short minutes."

## Fight

Analysts said US politicians and the public as well as the military too often worship at the altar of high tech warfare, which produced a ship designed to fight World War III on the high seas, not necessary in a narrow waterway like the Gulf.

"I kind of expected it," said retired Navy Rear Admiral Eugene Carroll, a frequent critic of US Navy strategy. "This is a blinding glimpse of the obvious. It wasn't a mistake, but an inevitable consequence of our policy of cramming ships in the Gulf to do what many were not designed to do," said Carroll, a director of the Washington-based Centre for Defence Information.

"The radars don't know anything. The computers don't know anything. The screen displays don't know anything. It's all up to human interpretation. And that interpretation is always open to human error," he said.

## Philosophy of US Congress

## 'Do as we say, not as we do'

By Peter Osterlund

WASHINGTON: They call it "the last plantation."

It is a place where some 35,000 people toil unprotected by the great civil rights legislation of the '60s, a place where the boss' word can be tantamount to law, and a place where the guiding philosophy might be summed up as "do as we say, not as we do."

It is the United States Congress, a body that has imposed sweeping social and economic reforms on the rest of the country, but, in many cases, has left itself curiously exempt. The landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 does not apply to Congress.

Neither do labour laws or occupational safety and health regulations. The ethics laws that have ensnared several former executive branch officials do not affect lawmakers. Congressional facilities don't even have the fire sprinklers mandated by laws in every nonfederal office building in the country.

"Laws that are good enough for everybody else ought to be good enough for us," says Sen. John Glenn (D) of Ohio. "It is the rankest form of hypocrisy."

**Change**  
And it is a "form of hypocrisy" that is coming under increasing attack from those who have benefited from it. A recent series of well-publicized incidents has brought working conditions on Capitol Hill to national attention. Several members of the House and Senate are rushing in with legislation to make laws applying to the rest of the country apply to Congress. Even some red-faced senior members of Congress — heretofore the staunchest defenders of the old system — have begun to accept that the practices of the old will have to change.

"The old doesn't like it," says Rep. Lynn Martin (R) of Illinois, author of newly introduced legislation that would place congressional and judiciary employees under federal civil rights and employment laws. "But there's been so much crud that the climate's different. You can just sense a sentiment for real change."

Even before the Pappas episode, however, efforts to increase protections for congressional staff were under way. Last year, for example, lawmakers found themselves embroiled in an embarrassing political ruckus when cafeteria workers' attempted to unionize, violating rules

change."

That sentiment has intensified in the aftermath of an unusual episode that began recently. The Washington Post printed a front-page article in which former aides to Rep. Roy Dyson (D) of Maryland described bizarre demands allegedly placed on male staff members by the Congressman's chief assistant, Thomas Pappas. The former aides contended that Pappas' demands included ordering an aide to perform a striptease at an office retreat.

By the end of the day on which the story was published, Pappas was dead, having apparently leaped from the 24th floor of a New York hotel in desperation that the allegations had ruined his career. Two days later, Representative Dyson announced that he had known nothing of Pappas' employment practices and that, if he had, he would have put an immediate stop to them.

Although the accusations aimed at Dyson's office were unusual, many lawmakers and staff members alike agree that abuses — some of them serious — are common, and that the episode underscored the need for Congress to begin applying laws it had passed protecting the nation's workers to its own employees on and off Capitol Hill.

## Tragedy

"That tragedy might not have happened if those people had a route to complain rather than going to the front page of the newspapers," Representative Martin says. But usually, dissatisfied employees suffer in silence. "I can't tell you the number of people who have called me over the years to say, 'I would love to do something about (a work-place problem) if I didn't have to make a national spectacle of myself,'" says Steven Hoffman, a House Republican leadership aide.

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Congress had established for itself.

Earlier this year, press accounts reported allegations of "sweatshop" conditions in the House of Representatives "folding room" where members' newsletters to constituents are processed. Workers there complained of being forced to work 70-hour weeks without overtime pay. A House committee dispatched to investigate the complaints found that folding-room employees toiled in a dingy basement room with poor air circulation and they were exposed to noxious fumes.

In the wake of the folding-room revelations, shaken members of the House Education and Labour Committee unanimously approved an amendment to a bill raising the national minimum wage that would extend federal laws regulating hours and wages to congressional blue-collar workers.

Similarly, recent events have focused attention on congressional exemptions from the ethics laws of the 1970s. Former White House political adviser Lyn Nofziger was convicted and former presidential confidant Michael Deaver was indicted for violating the 1978 Ethics in Government Act by lobbying the Reagan administration within a year of leaving its employ. By comparison, former Rep. Jerry Patterson, a California Democrat who sat on the House Banking Committee, registered as a Congressional lobbyist for a big California savings-and-loan institution less than six months after he was defeated in his 1984 re-election bid.

In the past, such discrepancies provoked little support for change. Last year, for instance, lawmakers defeated attempts to revise the special-prosecutor law to include themselves. But this year, legislation to extend the ethics law to cover members of Congress has cleared the Senate.

The Senate bill would impose the same one-year lobbying restrictions that apply to former executive branch officials on those who leave the legislative branch.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1502 — French drive Spaniards from Canossa in southern Italy.
- 1647 — English Army marches into London after proposals to crown are rejected.
- 1804 — US fleet bombards Mediterranean port of Tripoli.
- 1897 — Egyptian force takes Abu Hamed in Sudan.
- 1912 — Russia and Japan sign agreement determining spheres of influence in Mongolia and Manchuria.
- 1941 — Soviet planes carry out their first bombing raids against Berlin, Germany, in World War II.
- 1942 — US forces land on Guadalcanal in Pacific during World War II.
- 1945 — Soviet Union declares war on Japan seven days before Japanese surrender in World War II.
- 1959 — Chinese invade Northeast Frontier Province of India.
- 1960 — Ivory Coast becomes independent of France.
- 1964 — People's Republic of the Congo is inaugurated.
- 1971 — Three US Apollo 15 astronauts make safe splashdown in Pacific Ocean after their moon visit.
- 1975 — Lower house of India's parliament approves constitutional amendment stripping courts of power to hear cases of thousands of people held as political prisoners.
- 1987 — Sikh separatists massacre 12 people in Punjab, India, and government declares security alert.

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## VDU's causing eye-strain among office-workers

## Focussing on optical fatigue

By Christina Doyle

AMONG all the hazards of working with visual display units, eyestrain is the most common.

More than eight in 10 people who work for many hours each day at a screen say they experience tired, burning and itchy dry eyes or blurred eyesight and headaches.

Tell-tale signs of visual malaise include offices decked with screens and posters or wrapping paper pasted to the architect-designed windows. The aim is to dim the bright light and reflections which aggravate "glare eyes."

Like miners, who blinked and rolled their eyes as they tried to reset them after long hours underground, today's workers at the "screen-face" can find it hard to refocus in the real world. Some drivers complain of difficulty focussing on traffic following a long VDU session.

VDU users complain more than others with visually demanding jobs. They talk about their eyes swelling or

being out on stalks, seeing pink spots, or their actual eyesight changing.

Sensitivity to bright light is common. One woman said she felt as though her eyes had "aged 20 years."

Nearly half the women workers in an American study said they had either needed glasses for the first time or needed to change their existing glasses or contact lenses.

Very few people would wish to turn back the clock — computers are transforming the modern workplace.

Yet with the number of VDUs doubling each year, the issue of how to counter optical fatigue is growing in importance.

Chronic eyestrain not only lowers productivity, it also affects working relationships and spoils enjoyment of activities that require close work.

One acknowledged, but rare, risk is "photosensitive epilepsy." Sometimes a virtually undetectable flicker on the screen, which can be a problem with older units, can

trigger an epileptic fit in a susceptible person.

Another possibility is that VDUs may influence the development of cataracts in a small minority of people.

While VDUs are not believed to cause actual deterioration to eyesight, what of today's "guinea pigs" who may spend their lives screen-bound?

Dr William Stark, a professor of physiological optics and engineering from the University of California, says the extent to which VDUs cause visual problems may not be known for years. He says "I believe many highly motivated users suffer ocular discomfort beyond that appropriate to a normal workplace."

Accepted

He notes that "VDUs were developed from television screens which were designed for large moving objects to be viewed at a distance for a short period of time.... Implicit is the manufacturer's claim that legibility is adequate, but we all prefer the easy convergence on a book, typewritten material or even a photocopy of printed

material to the same letters on a screen."

What is universally accepted by the specialists is that as many as one in three of us have undiagnosed eye problems which could be uncovered through working with VDUs. In one year, four in 10 brokers in one city firm required glasses.

Like exposing the weak link in a chain, the VDU may help unmask sight defects or the changes which occur with age earlier than might otherwise be the case.

Optometrists stress that these problems are not temporary and that they will affect good vision unless eyes are tested and appropriate glasses worn.

Some people with perfectly adequate everyday vision — whether or not they wear glasses or contact lenses — may find they require glasses just for working with a screen.

When reading, most of us focus about 12 or 18 inches away — reading glasses generally achieve that. But VDU screens are usually between 20 and 30 inches away which means that those with slightly impaired sight or who use glasses for close work will find it difficult to focus clearly.

Bifocals or even trifocals can produce the worst eyestrain, with the upper part of the lenses adjusted for distance while the lower part cannot reach the screen.

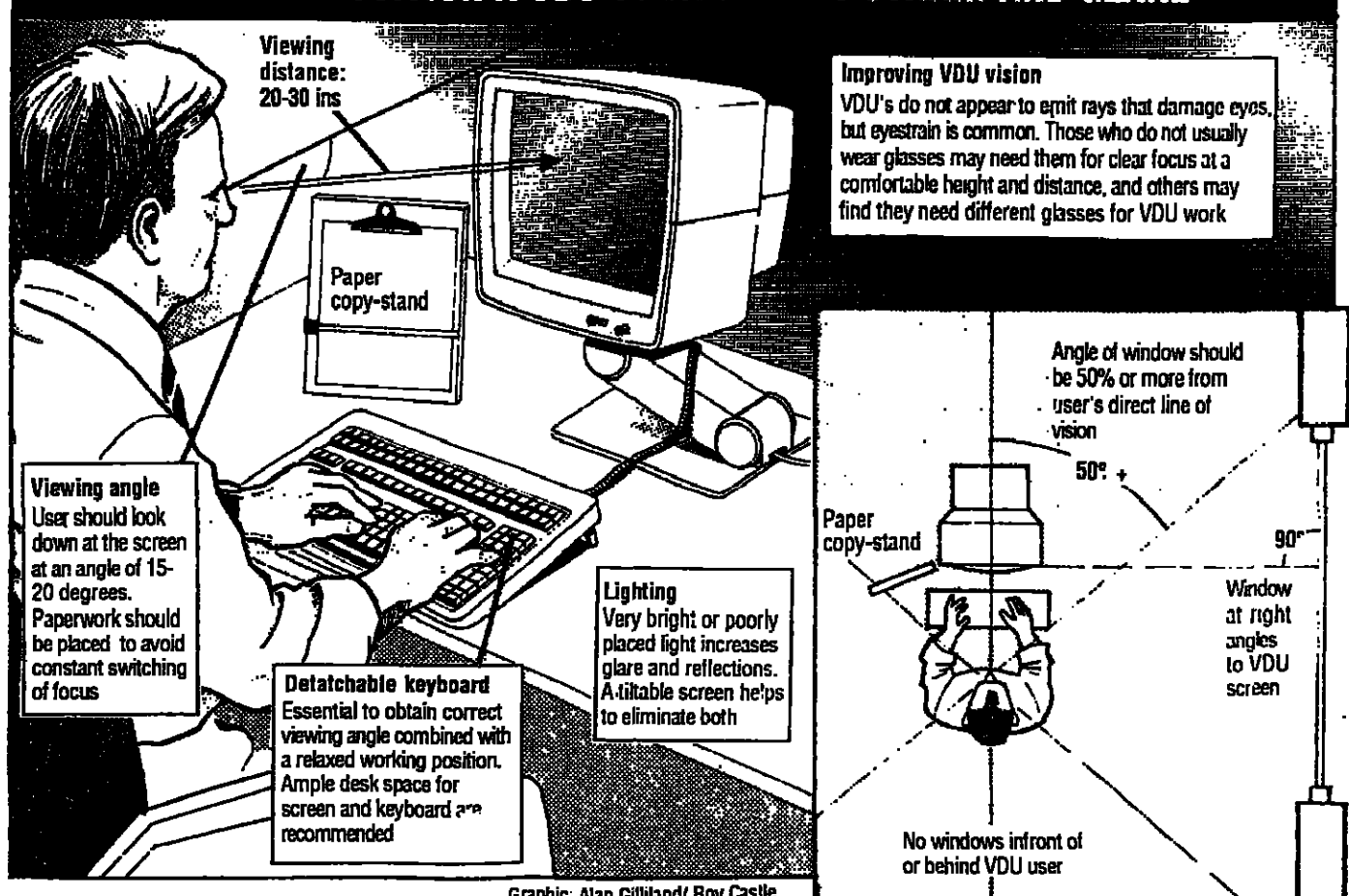
In an effort to adapt, users may tilt the screen or their necks, perhaps adding to the neck and shoulder tension — another VDU bugbear.

Yet adjusting eyes for the screen is not only a matter of correct glasses. Glare, reflections from expanses of windows without curtains or blinds, and long working hours without a break all severely overload the visual system.

Some say it is like being caught in a vicious circle of having to "manipulate" their eyes into position rather than simply "seeing" with them.

The visual "marathons" run daily by those in endlessly

## HOW TO POSITION A VDU TO AVOID EYE STRAIN AND GLARE



Graphic: Alan Gilliland/Roy Castle

repetitive "data inputting" can lead to a higher incidence of any strain, and may be linked with depression and irritability. More women than men suffer because they are likely to be carrying out the repetitive jobs.

Professor R. Weale, recently director of the Institute of Ophthalmology in London, says: "We have done research comparing close pencil and paper work with VDUs and we could not establish any great difference in objective measurements of eye function. We know that eyes may get tired, but when specialists examine them they fail to find any actual impairment."

This view was reinforced a few years ago by a massive American report on the use of computers from the National Research Council. Nonetheless, dissenters say no large studies have been carried out to measure the long-term effects, and that with increasing use of VDUs it will become more dif-

ficult to set up relevant studies to show if there is, say, a growing tendency to more or earlier short sight.

Least at risk are the highly motivated. Not only may interest and reward drive out stress, but creative jobs may entail more natural breaks from the screen.

The "creators" may also be at an advantage physiologically. With adrenalin running, pupils dilate more, which may mean less strain on the ciliary muscles; boredom, on the other hand, leads to constricted pupils with eye muscles working overtime.

Office and home ergonomists suggest improvements to our personal working space to counter the health threats. As Ursula Huws, author of the VDU Hazards Handbook states: "It should be possible for managements and employees to design jobs which do not create new occupational strains."

Many have already done so and others are following with agreements that cover the time spent each day working with a VDU: some workplaces now have between two to four hours a day limit on continuous working, breaks to allow eyes to recover, training and eye checks. The major question now is whether these good practices should be backed by the state.

Last month the first law to regulate VDUs was signed in America in Suffolk County. In companies with more than 20 employees, those who use VDUs for more than 26 hours a week must have breaks of 15 minutes after three hours, and the company must pay 80 per cent of the cost of an annual eye check. In 12 months time, all new "work stations" must have anti-glare filters and diffuse overhead lighting.

In Europe, proposals now put forward by the European Commission would mean that from 1991 employers would

have to conform to minimum standards for VDU workstations and provide eye checks for workers before employment and later if eye problems arise.

The British Health and Safety Executive, which is sponsoring research on visual discomfort, is strongly against statutory eye tests. "There is no scientific justification for pre-employment eye checks," the Executive told a House of Lords Select Committee last month. Some employers who started such schemes have abandoned them because so little was discovered, says the HSE.

The VDU Workers Rights Campaign in London, among others, accuses the HSE of "extreme complacency." Co-ordinator Irene Hamilton says: "We feel very strongly that the HSE is out of step and encouraging a situation where VDU workers develop problems that could be prevented."

## Checklist for healthy eyes

more lighting than a 20 year old.

● **GLARE GUARDING:** experiment to contrast the letters as sharply as possible and to banish reflections. Judiciously placed partitions may help, but avoid white and shiny surfaces. Be very wary of tinted anti-glare glasses: the effect quickly lessens and you may be worse off.

Critics say the filtering effects of some commercial glare guards wears off. One beneficial side-effect of some shields is that they cut down static, which accumulates around VDUs, and the electromagnetic emissions that have been linked with an increased miscarriage risk.

If your computer check that they are covered by insurance if they should break your machine.

● **SCREEN COLOUR:** one view is that black on white is least stressful as it is closest to normal reading matter.

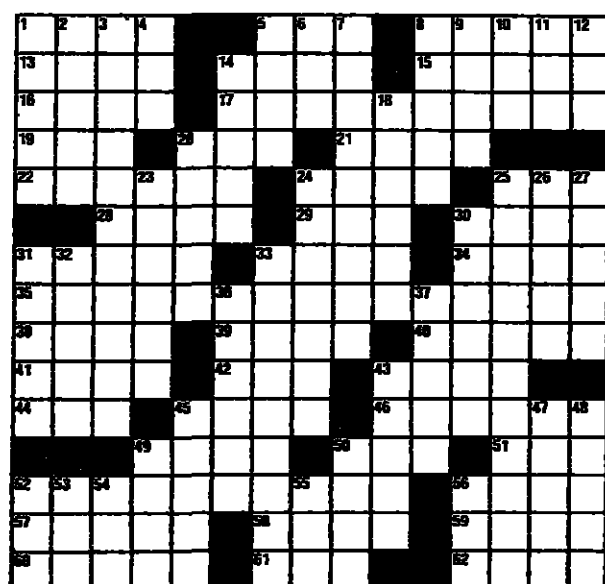
● **EYE EXERCISING:** look up frequently. If possible, establish a 20ft "vista" away from your screen and practise switching your focus to people or objects in it. Plants are restful and have the added bonus of reducing static.

● **BREAKS:** these are crucial. The only way eye muscles truly relax and recover their tone is with a 15-minute rest from the screen. A 15-minute break every hour is preferable to five minutes three times an hour.

As a general rule intensive VDU work should be limited to 50 per cent of the working day.

● **ALCOHOL:** slows visual reactions and could add to eye stress and strain.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Namesakes of a Reiner
  - Before Beth or Heath
  - Smarted
  - Arctic shelter
  - Nimbus
  - Keyak's relative
  - Doesn't care
  - Home of the Dolphins
  - Private eye
  - Nagligent
  - Weight units
  - Request
  - Tear apart
  - Kennel noise
  - Screen star Fay
  - Compass pt
  - British poet
  - Walter — Mare
  - Dostoyevski novel, with "The"
  - Egg on
  - Yalies
  - Patriotic colors
  - Sacred image
  - Aquatic mammal
  - Sources of energy
  - Scatters seed
  - Columist
  - Buchwald
  - Store away
  - Time period: Abbr.
  - Stats for Mattingly
  - Villain's epithets
  - Rotter
  - PGA's Sneed
  - Musical syllable
  - Go-ahead signal
  - Blow a horn
  - Fathered
  - Menageries
  - Devine or Griffith
- DOWN**
- Hot time on the Left Bank
  - Speak derisively
  - Certain spiders
  - Take nourishment
  - Groucho, Harpo or Karl
  - In the style of
  - Incessant
  - Film shot
  - Keep — on (watch)
  - One, in Pisa
  - Today
  - Become semi-solid
  - White with age
  - Reluctant
  - Scowls
  - Echoes
  - National park
  - Ancient Troy
  - Matador's cape movements
  - Borrower
  - Kind of setter
  - Stage setting
  - Cleanse, in a way
  - Queen of France: "Henry"
  - Fact
  - Emulates Ella Fitzgerald
  - Leases
  - Eat away
  - Woodland god
  - Fervor
  - Wedgie
  - Literary monogram
  - Playroom, for short
  - Self
  - Obtained
  - Mahal

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SHED AWL DOGMA  
SWEAR VIA ORIEL  
CALVIN AND HOBBS  
AMOeba CLAN ETO  
BITS SPHERE  
TORAH TWO BARED  
AGAVE MAX USING  
SERIES PSI READY  
GERSAW DAY  
RENTED RAPT  
ETS STOA APOGEE  
DENNIS THE MENACE  
DRUID EOS ADIOS  
ANGLE DEEP RONS

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
DRAWING TRUMPS THE RIGHT WAY

Both vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**

♠ Q 10 9 7  
♥ J 10 9 7 2  
♦ 8 4  
♣ J 3

**WEST**

♠ K 8 6 5 4  
♥ K 5  
♦ 9 5 2  
♣ K Q 6

**EAST**

♠ A J 3  
♥ 8 6 4  
♦ A 10  
♣ 10 9 7 5 4

**SOUTH**

♠ 2  
♥ A Q 3  
♦ K Q J 7 6 3  
♣ A 8 2

The bidding:

West North East South

Pass Pass Pass 1♦

1♠ Pass 2♣ 3♦

Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♣

Bridge writers tend to concentrate on hands where game or slam has been bid, or where a contract has been doubled. As a result, many a gem played in a partial glitters unseen.

Fortunately, this one cropped up in international competition, so we can pay full tribute to the great Australian star, Tim Sere.

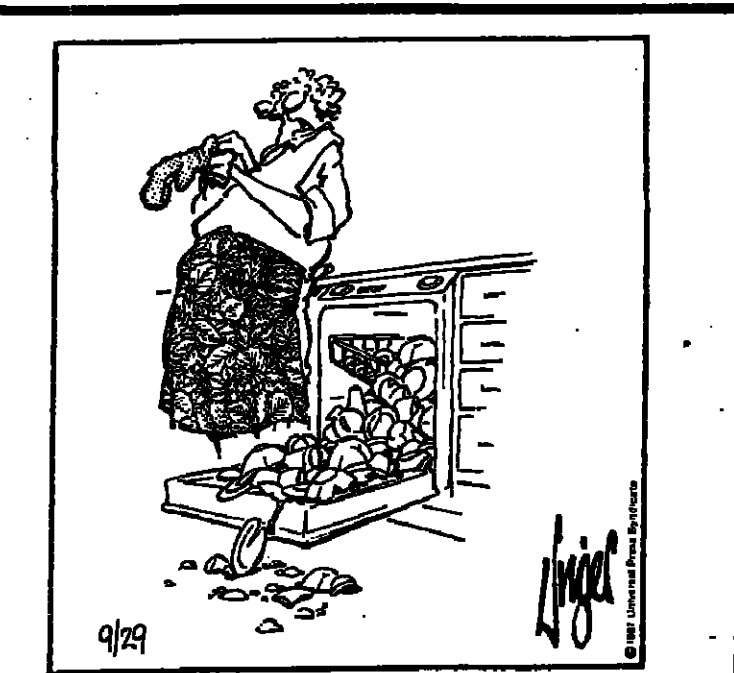
South might have tried a double at his second turn rather than simply rebidding his diamonds. That would

probably have led to interesting play at a heart contract, but would have robbed us of the opportunity to witness expert defense.

West led his fourth-best spade and Sere won the trick with his jack. Since declarer was marked with a singleton spade, he assuredly held some length in clubs and, left to his own devices, he would be able to ruff one or two clubs in dummy. Therefore, it was incumbent on the defenders to get rid of dummy's trumps.

Having reached this conclusion, most defenders we know would have shifted to the ace of trumps and another. Declarer would have won and drawn the last trump, and then banged out the ace-queen of hearts. When that fetched the king, he would have made the rest of the tricks, collecting an overtrick in the process.

Sere found a far better defense—he shifted to the ten of trumps! Declarer had no counter. If he attacked hearts immediately, the defenders could collect a heart ruff and a club for down one. So he tried another trump, but that proved no better. East won and shifted to a club, and the defenders collected two club tricks and a heart for the same result.



"Who loaded this dishwasher?"

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart

## YOUR STARS

<p><b>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</b></p> <p>The general situation is favourable. The less favourable influence of Venus should however make you exercise more care. You must also beware of playing with fire. Be less frivolous.</p>	<p><b>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</b></p> <p>Venus' influence will help you to do something that is of great interest to you. You will also be able to do something practical. You should take your mind off work for the day. Be reasonable.</p>	<p><b>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)</b></p> <p>The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to cope with a difficulty. Try to avoid someone who you do not get on very well with. An important matter will be nearer to a resolution for you. Be more calm.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)</b></p> <p>You should not let some small annoyance get on your nerves. Make sure you keep up with the latest advances in your interests. Avoid acting on impulses. Be considerate.</p>
<p><b>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</b></p> <p>You should not do the first thing that comes to your head. You will be able to do something rather more practical. You will find it easier to maintain harmony with your partner. Be less talkative.</p>	<p><b>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</b></p> <p>You should not leave something you have been postponing for much longer. Make sure you get all the exercise you need. Avoid trying to sit on the fence. Be cordial.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)</b></p> <p>Venus' more favourable influence will help you to make up a quarrel. You should not let a good opportunity pass you by. Make sure you do not do anything that is likely to give offence. Be on your guard.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)</b></p> <p>The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to deal with something that has been worrying you. You should not do anything that is likely to lead to an argument.</p>
<p><b>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</b></p> <p>The Moon's favourable influence coupled with that of Mercury will help you to do the right thing in the circumstances. You will be in a far better mood. Keep in touch with a friend who has moved. Be amenable.</p>	<p><b>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</b></p> <p>You should not let some small setback be of too great concern to you. You will be able to do something to further a hobby of yours. Makes sure you eat a sensible diet. Be objective.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</b></p> <p>The influences are mixed and you should not do anything too much out of the ordinary. Do not become involved in something that does not really concern you. Try to spend a little while clearing up. Be amenable.</p>	<p><b>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</b></p> <p>You will have to try to keep calm in the face of provocation. You should not let a good opportunity pass you by. Avoid doing anything on impulse and also avoid gambling. Be resilient.</p>



## SNIPPETS

## Marcos back home from hideout

**HONOLULU:** Deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos slipped back into his home after hiding out following reports of gunmen near his residence. A Philippine official said Marcos might be faking the threat.

Marcos and his wife, Imelda, had spent the night at a friend's home on Oahu Island, after guards said they saw guns sticking out the windows of three cars driving past the Marcoses' hillside home last week, said Marcos' spokesman Gemino Trinidad.

Security was tightened outside the home following the reports, Trinidad said.

In the Philippines, government spokesman Teodoro Benigno said he didn't know anything about the report of gunmen and didn't want to comment "because one of the world's master illusionists is at work."

Trinidad declined to say what time the Marcoses returned home.

"This is a security matter, and I would not like to discuss these things in public as it might jeopardize security measures," Trinidad said.

The report of gunmen came on the same day a published report said Marcos had offered to pay the Philippine government \$5 billion in exchange for being allowed to return to his homeland free from criminal prosecution. Marcos denied the report.

## Aquino cracks whip at sluggards

**PRESIDENT** Aquino has started cracking down his economic development officers, and ordered them to implement government projects which have long been pending. Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno said yesterday.

"The President felt she had to use some form of brass knuckles (to spur her officials into action) now, when before she was all sweetness," Benigno told a press briefing.

Ms Aquino's impatience over the slowfootedness of government bureaucrats in addressing the nation's economic woes surfaced during a meeting with the 12-man Cabinet Officers for Regional Development (CORD).

## Advertising eroding Filipino values

**SEN. Jose Lina Jr.** deplored the erosion of values which advertising material in various media purvey, creating false needs and wants, instead of enriching the Filipino national heritage and cultural traditions.

Lina said some advertisements even alienate Filipinos from themselves, "deriving status and prestige from foreign things and materials and craving for food and things which we don't really need and which are not suited to a people like us who are struggling with the use of our own resources."

Lina seeks to effect Filipinization in the advertising industry in the country through Senate Bill No. 169 requiring 70 percent Filipino ownership of advertising companies in the Philippines.

Speaking before a "Communication for Decade of Nationalism" dialogue-forum sponsored by People in Communication at the Asian Institute of Management, Lina called for a re-evaluation of the "substantial content and impact of the advertising industry on our people, particularly the youth who comprise some 62 percent of the total population."

The big question political pundits are asking  
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**WILL** President Aquino, the nonpolitician who has pledged to serve only for one term, run for re-election in 1992?

The recent realignment of forces within the ruling coalition, statements of political leaders and the actions of the President herself indicate that she is keeping her options open for a second term.

Although the President has said she would retire after 1992 because she has already done enough to redress the wrongs committed by former President Marcos on her husband and the nation, her close political advisers are saying she can be persuaded to run again.

"Everything is possible," says Rep. Jose Cojuangco, the President's brother, when asked by Cebu reporters whether she could be prevailed upon to run again.

Surprised House Speaker Ramon V. Mitra, head of the newly formed Laban ng Mga Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP), has also made a similar statement. He says he will try to persuade the President to run for re-election. "If she refuses, I will try and try again."

But what surprised political observers most was her independence Day address in which she declared that this year will mark the beginning of a "decade of nationalism." Although her term ends in 1992, or four years from now, she said: "As we begin our ten-year march to full nationhood, let our steps be guided by the fixed star of nationalism..."

Again, on her recent trip to Europe, she told news conference: "At first I did not want to be President, but now that I am President, I intend to be a successful one so that Filipinos can have a better life."

Other indicators of her future intentions:



President Aquino

Many potential presidential candidates in the loose coalition look at the forming of the LDP as a ploy to thwart their ambitions. They express their support for the President, but they are reluctant to align themselves with a party that could eliminate them from contention.

There is a nagging suspicion that Mitra, supported by Rep. Cojuangco, will use the LDP to advance his own presidential bid should the President decide not to run. On the other hand, if the President agrees to run again, the LDP will ensure her victory with its backing.

This probably explains why

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NPA rebels while away their time: upper hand in the first quarter of '88?

## Enrile accuses government of cover-up

## Secret report lists military reverses

**THE** Philippine government has brushed aside a secret report listing reverse suffered against the Communist rebels and maintains that the armed forces had won all but one of 15 major battles with government troops between January and March.

The report said the NPA's estimated 23,000 guerrillas controlled about a fifth of the nation's 41,600 villages, adding that 587 government soldiers were killed during the first quarter compared with 636 rebels.

It said deployment of the 150,000-strong armed forces in small platoons or detachments made them "fixed and vulnerable" targets for surprise NPA attacks. "The thin dispersal ... open (troops) to defeat in detail by a numerically inferior enemy."

Presidential Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno told reporters he had talked to senior military officials about the report.

"In their words, the situation after March went up like a meteor," Benigno said. "There was an almost 180-degree turnaround. The military has the Communist insurgents by their guts, by their intestines, by their innards."

President Corason Aquino told Congress last week that the insurgency had been broken last year, adding: "For the armed left, it has been a year of defeats and retreats."

Aquino was accused recently by Senate opposition leader Juan Ponce Enrile of a covering up. Senate President Jovito Salonga stopped Enrile from tabling the military report, saying it might affect national security.

The military report said the NPA staged 59 ambushes during the three-month period and launched 60 surprise raids.

It described an attack on a military camp in Kalinga Apayao in February when government forces "surrendered without firing a shot" because the rebels used the soldiers' wives and children as shields. It said they captured 52 high-powered weapons in the raid.

Enrile said higher wages lured them from the Philippines, where unemployment was a serious problem as the newly-restored democracy was unable to solve all problems overnight.

Philippine honorary consul designate in Cyprus, John Erotokritou, said the women often did not report maltreatment.

Problems "Many problems could be solved by a phone call if only the girls reported incidents... many abuses can be avoided once the girls understand they have rights and can exercise them," he said.

He added that they borrowed money and some even sold property to pay unscrupulous recruiters' fees of about \$250. He said some Manila agencies charged up to \$1000 for a two-year contract.

Once abroad, the women depended on their employment contracts and their employers could intimidate them by withholding money and even their passports or threatening to sack them, he said.

Recite We should, perhaps, recite to them the elementary rules of good manners and right conduct in international relations, the most pertinent of which is that they should mind their own business, and scrupulously refrain from meddling in the domestic affairs of other countries.

Years ago, we told the representative of India in a committee of the UN General Assembly that "it will become the spokesman of a country that practices the caste system ever to preach doctrines on human rights." We should address the same observation to former Chief Justice P.M. Bhagwati of India, who apparently heads the International Lawyers Forum "mission."

It is time foreigners realised that, for all our foibles, follies, and shortcomings, we Filipinos are quite capable of running our own affairs.

## Lonely farmers from Japan find brides in Baguio

**BAGUIO CITY:** Editha Wakai giggled as she sliced a fillet of raw tuna into neat little chunks under a cook's watchful eyes.

"I'm excited," said the 26-year-old newlywed, who was preparing sashimi as part of a crash course in Japanese life and culture before joining her husband Kimio Wakai, 36, in Matsudai, a farming town north of Tokyo.

Mrs Wakai was one of ten Filipinas married in this mountain city in May to Japanese farmers and workers in Niigata prefecture through a matchmaking scheme managed by the

reliance on letters, often used by Westerners seeking Filipino wives.

Under the Japhil scheme, the mayor or high-ranking official of a city like Matsudai co-ordinates with local officials in an area with prospective brides, to arrange an informal party for the Filipinas and the Japanese men who arrive in a group.

Cupid then takes over as the bachelors, often shy and poor English-speakers, court the women with the help of interpreters and volunteers, until they get a "yes" to a marriage proposal.

A judge and jury, all US military officers, flew in for the trial, the first court martial for an American in Australia since World War II.

In her opening statement, government prosecutor Lt. Cmdr. Philemina Jones acknowledged the case was circumstantial because the body was never recovered.

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**BAGUIO CITY:** Editha Wakai giggled as she sliced a fillet of raw tuna into neat little chunks under a cook's watchful eyes.

"I'm excited," said the 26-year-old newlywed, who was preparing sashimi as part of a crash course in Japanese life and culture before joining her husband Kimio Wakai, 36, in Matsudai, a farming town north of Tokyo.

Mrs Wakai was one of ten Filipinas married in this mountain city in May to Japanese farmers and workers in Niigata prefecture through a matchmaking scheme managed by the

reliance on letters, often used by Westerners seeking Filipino wives.

Under the Japhil scheme, the mayor or high-ranking official of a city like Matsudai co-ordinates with local officials in an area with prospective brides, to arrange an informal party for the Filipinas and the Japanese men who arrive in a group.

Cupid then takes over as the bachelors, often shy and poor English-speakers, court the women with the help of interpreters and volunteers, until they get a "yes" to a marriage proposal.

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## US sailor throws Filipino wife to sharks

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## Filipino workers face problems in Cyprus

**NICOSIA** — Philippine Ambassador Juan Saez said recently that he raised problems encountered by Filipinos working in Cyprus in talks with President George Vassiliou and other officials.

Saez, who is also accredited to Lebanon and Jordan, said after presenting his credentials to Vassiliou that the Cypriot government's attitude to foreign workers was positive.

"They don't want them to be exploited," Saez said.

But he said that, depending on the outcome of talks with the minister of labour and other officials here, he might suggest his government ban young Filipino women from travelling to the island and Lebanon as entertainers.

Saez said he had information that in most cases women entertainers in Cyprus were forced to dance in cabarets, though they were not told this when they were recruited.

Prostitution He also said he believed some were forced into prostitution.

"I will consider recommending that their passports be stamped 'Not valid for employment as entertainers in Cyprus and Lebanon' pending the results of the discussions," he said.

Diplomatic sources said maltreatment of foreign women was widespread in the Middle East.

They said human rights groups looked after their interests in Europe but there was little such assistance in the Middle East, where embassies and religious orders tried to help.

Cabaret workers said foreign women in Cyprus made about \$40 a night, worked seven nights a week and performed topless in some nightclubs and bars.

"To sit with customers, they drink beer at \$27 a bottle, of which they get about a dollar," one worker said. "They can be bought out of the bar for a bottle of champagne, filled with a soft drink, costing around \$120."

Some women said they sent money home to help their families or saved it for their own education or to open small businesses.

Saez said higher wages lured them from the Philippines, where unemployment was a serious problem as the newly-restored democracy was unable to solve all problems overnight.

Philippine honorary consul designate in Cyprus, John Erotokritou, said the women often did not report maltreatment.

Problems "Many problems could be solved by a phone call if only the girls reported incidents... many abuses can be avoided once the girls understand they have rights and can exercise them," he said.

He added that they borrowed money and some even sold property to pay unscrupulous recruiters' fees of about \$250. He said some Manila agencies charged up to \$1000 for a two-year contract.

Once abroad, the women depended on their employment contracts and their employers could intimidate them by withholding money and even their passports or threatening to sack them, he said.

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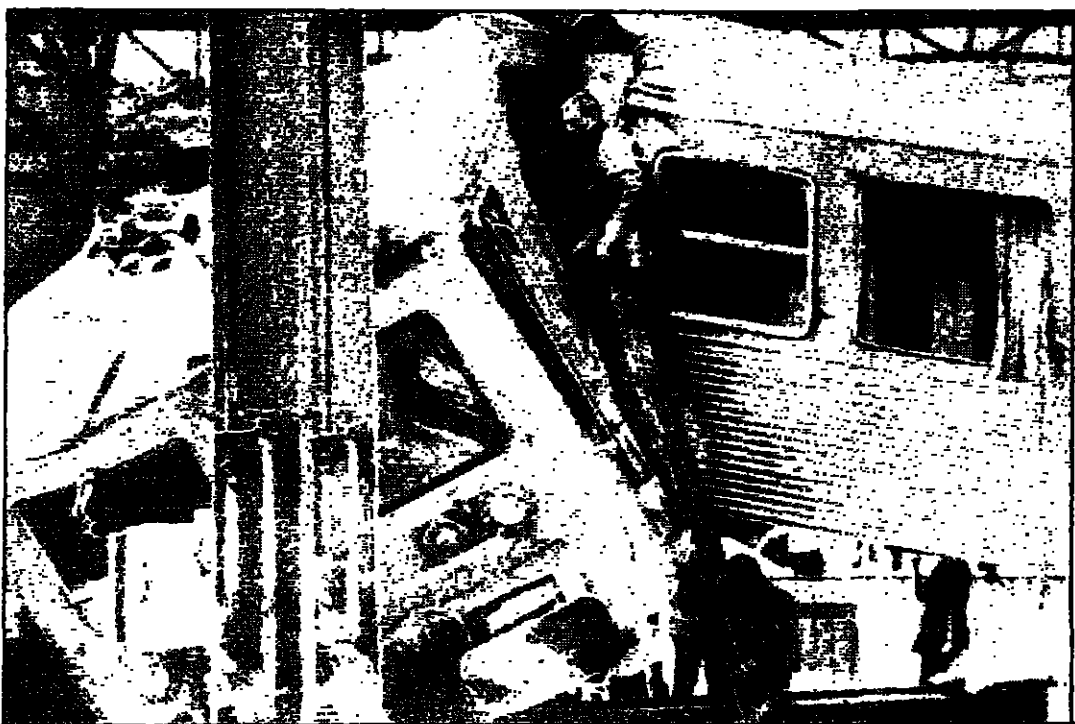




THE final touches are given to the Los Angeles-class nuclear powered attack submarine USS San Juan, in preparation for joining the US Navy, during commissioning ceremonies yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



THIS group of protesters wearing death-masks and carrying wind-chimes were some of the thousands of peaceful marchers who walked through Sydney streets yesterday commemorating the 43rd atom-bombing anniversary of the Japanese city of Hiroshima. (Reuter wirephoto)



A RUNAWAY train smashed into the buffers at Paris' Gare de l'Est station, leaving the engine wrapped around high metal pillars on a deserted platform. One person was killed and 40 injured in the accident. (Reuter wirephoto)



LABOURERS dig out a body from the rubble in Amritsar's Golden Temple complex. Forty-one people, tortured to death by Sikh extremists, have been found hidden in the rubble during the seven-week clean-up of the temple complex. (Reuter wirephoto)



A SMALL Indian girl holds a sign during an anti-nuclear demonstration by children yesterday in New Delhi. About 100 schoolchildren took part in the demonstration marking the anniversary of the atom-bombing of Hiroshima. (Reuter wirephoto)



ZAC DE BEER, the new leader of South Africa's leading white anti-apartheid party, the Progressive Federal Party. (Reuter wirephoto)



US Secretary of Defence Frank Carlucci (left) shakes hands with Turkish President Kenan Evren during his visit to Turkey. (Reuter wirephoto)



IF these beach-goers in Girona, in northeastern Spain, thought they were escaping to a quiet holiday it seems they were mistaken as thousands jammed the beach to take advantage of the temperatures in the mid-30s Centigrade. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENT Reagan announces the resignation of Treasury Secretary James Baker (left) and appointment of Nicholas Brady as Baker's replacement during a brief ceremony at the White House on Friday.

(Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential nominee Michael Dukakis is flanked by California Lieut. Gov. Leo McCarthy (left), and US Sen. Alan Craston as they show T-shirts during a campaign rally. (Reuter wirephoto)



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Economy continues to grow at a rapid pace

## Brady likely to follow Baker's economic policies

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. (Reuters) James Baker hands over the reins at the Treasury Department at a time the US economy is in robust health, the financial markets are relatively stable and the Third World debt crisis, while still simmering, is at least not boiling over.

As a result, his successor, former Senator Nicholas Brady, will probably not have to launch any major initiatives in the final months of the Reagan administration, which will hand over power to Republican George Bush or Democrat Michael Dukakis on January 20.

But, as inevitably occurs when America's leading economic policymaker steps down, a period of uncertainty will ensue that could unsettle investors, particularly the foreign investors on whom the US relies to finance its trade and budget deficits.

**Nervousness**  
"There is some nervousness on the part of some foreign investors," said David Jones, chief economist at New York bond dealer Aubrey G. Lanston and Co. Inc.  
"Baker was a known quantity and gained international respect

during his tenure as Treasury Secretary," he added.  
Baker's departure to head the presidential election campaign of Vice President George Bush, a long-time friend and fellow Texan, had been the worst-kept secret in Washington for more than a year.

The White House took the precaution of waiting until Wall Street had closed before announcing Baker's resignation, but traders said the financial markets had discounted the news and little reaction was likely on Monday morning.

**Slide**  
Currency markets displayed no nervousness at all over the likely departure of the man who, in his three-and-a-half years as Treasury Secretary, engineered a quick slide in the dollar to improve US trade performance and then succeeded in holding it within fairly narrow ranges.

Indeed, the dollar closed at the highest level of the year against the West German mark on Friday as a robust US employment report added to the bullishness generated by an improving trade balance and rising short-term interest rates.

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"This alone will not unsettle the dollar," Lanston's Jones said of Baker's resignation.

But, if the dollar were to peak, the question mark hanging over Brady, worries over the trade bill that President Reagan is due to sign soon and uncertainty about the policies the two presidential contenders will follow could combine to hasten the flight of foreign money out of the dollar, economists say.

"With the US election only four months away, Mr Baker's departure should not produce any major policy changes," says David Hale, chief economist at Kemper Financial Services Inc.

"The danger is that his successor will lack Mr Baker's finesse at fine-tuning policy pronouncements to soothe the financial

markets," he wrote in a recent letter to clients.

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**Responsible**  
Baker might be held partly responsible for the October 1987 stock market crash because of his decision to attack West Germany publicly for raising interest rates.

But he will also share the credit for having forced other nations to pursue economic policies expansionary enough to contain



Nicholas Brady

the Third World debt crisis and produce a significant improvement in the US trade balance, Hale said.

On the economic front, experts said there was virtually no chance that Brady would have to grapple with a recession in the months ahead.

Although the unemployment rate edged up in July to 5.4 per cent from June's 14-year low of

5.3 per cent, economists said Friday's jobs report showed the economy continued to grow at a rapid pace.

Indeed, in contrast to the beginning of the year when fears of a post-crash recession lingered, the main worry now is that the economy may overheat and rekindle inflation.

By dangling the reward of new loans from commercial banks and the World Bank, Baker hoped to cajole major debtors into implementing the same kind of free-market economic policies that President Reagan championed.

The plan has worked well with Chile and Uruguay and is beginning to pay off in Mexico.

But many other countries, notably Brazil and Argentina, are no better off now than they were when the debt crisis erupted in 1982.

Indeed, Argentina once more faces a deadline for meeting bank interest payments, and the Treasury had to come up on Thursday with another pledge of short-term financial support to tide Buenos Aires over until it receives more permanent financing from the World Bank.

## Sharp drop in world grain supplies forecast in new study

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 6. (Reuters) The world's stockpile of grain will drop sharply there is likely to be less food available at the end of this year than at almost any other time this century, a private institute predicted today.

"The only time this century the world has faced such a tight food situation was in 1972," said Lester Brown, president of Worldwatch, a private body funded in part by the United Nations — in the latest issue of institute's magazine.

Grain stocks at the end of this year could fall to 54 days of world consumption — below a 57-day level in 1973 that more than doubled grain prices.

**Fall**  
The fall is the steepest ever recorded and follows searing drought in the United States, Canada and China.

Brown said drought would reduce the 1988 North American grain harvest by about a quarter, or some 84 million tons, from last year.

"In China, which ranks close second to the United States as a food producer, severe drought conditions could easily reduce the harvest by one-eighth, or 30 million tons."

But India's harvest could rise by 24 million tons, the Soviet Union's by more than four million tons and Europe's (East and West) by as much as 17 million tons, Brown said.

## Coastal Corp., China National Chemicals to form joint venture

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 6. (AP) Officials of the Coastal Corp. and China National Chemicals Import-Export Corp. (Sinochem) announced plans on Wednesday to form a joint venture for owner-ship and operation of Coastal's US West Coast refining and marketing properties.

"We are enthusiastic about this new joint venture which will strengthen the tradition of excellent relations between our company and Sinochem, started in 1978 when Sinochem became the first American company to purchase and import crude from People's Republic of China," said Oscar S. Wyatt Jr., Coastal's chairman and chief executive officer.

An agreement signed on Tuesday, provides for Sinochem to acquire for an undisclosed amount of cash a 50 per cent interest in the joint-venture company.

West Coast operations to be assigned to the joint venture include refineries, fuel oil terminals and marketing operations.

The memorandum of agreement includes plans for expenditures to upgrade a refinery for expanded production. A crude oil supply agreement also will be negotiated between Sinochem and the joint venture company.

"We are pleased with this opportunity to expand our fine business relationship with Coastal through our investment and participation in this new joint-venture company," said Zheng Dunxin, chief executive officer and president of Sinochem.

## Dow Jones drifts down

## 'Number numbness' afflicts Wall Street

NEW YORK, Aug. 6. (AP) Stock traders seem to have been paying attention lately to the critics who fault them for overreacting to news events.

Rather than gyrating wildly when a government statistic on the economy comes out higher or lower than expected, the market in recent days has barely budged.

In the past week, for example, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks did not rise or fall more than 7.5 points in any single session.

Whatever happened to the volatility everybody was so worried about?

New Yorkers, at least, are inclined to put the situation down to the stifling heat and the traditional "summer doldrums" that set in on Wall Street in August.

But that doesn't serve as a full

explanation. It's an international market these days, and the orders aren't coming in from London or Tokyo, just as they aren't from Manhattan.

**Pressure**

The idea that everybody is on vacation doesn't wash the way it used to, either. Money managers at the large institutions that dominate the modern marketplace are under just as much pressure to produce results in the third quarter of the year as they are in the first, second and fourth.

Jay Donnaruma, an analyst at First Albany Corp. in Albany, New York, has an alternative explanation: "It's called 'number numbness,'" he says.

"Each week there is some government number to be released that causes the markets

to go catatonic before its release, and paralyzes the markets afterward while the 'experts' analyse it."

"As a result, no one wants to get caught by the number — trade deficit, consumer price index, producer price index, gross national product — so millions of folks do nothing simultaneously."

Against this background, the Dow Jones industrial average drifted down 9.60 points to 2,119.13 in the past week.

**Dropped**

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped .26 to 153.09, the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market edged up .38 to 387.71 and the American stock exchange market value index was down 1.23 at 304.95.

Volume on the Big Board

## Syria looks to nature for more energy sources

DAMASCUS, Aug. 6. (Reuters) Syria is looking at ways to use the sun, the wind, and even farm manure, to boost its limited energy resources.

The government has set up a new department to examine renewable energy resources. The department's director Dr Mohamed Kordab told Reuters that Syria was determined to use its ample sunshine, brisk breezes and biological waste to reduce its dependence on oil and gas.

Oil industry sources say Syria produces about 250,000 barrels per day (BPD) of oil and is making efforts to pump an extra 10,000 BPD by the end of the year.

Dr Kordab, an energy professor at Damascus University, said Syria was ideally situated to exploit the sun and the wind. The sun shines for an average 8.3 hours a day, rising to 12 hours daily from June to August.

Kordab said the sun's energy amounted to 5,871 kilowatt-hours (kwh) per square metre — 2,143 kwh a year.

"This means we have a giant solar resource which could be used to produce energy at low cost," said Kordab, who introduced the first domestic hot water system to Syria in 1978.

Now widely used, each solar system saves an estimated 500 litres of diesel per year, conserving hard currency.

Syria used 7.1 million tonnes of petroleum products in 1986. Diesel made up 41 per cent of this and fuel oil 36 per cent, the rest being benzene, kerosene and butane gas.

"Consumption of diesel tops the list of petroleum products used," Kordab said. "Resorting to renewable resources is one of the most important ways of cutting this consumption."

He said Damascus University had designed solar energy systems for the Ministry of Industry. Syrians now made all solar water heaters locally.

**Studies**

An experimental solar central heating system, which he designed for his own home, had cut his use of electricity and diesel by more than 60 per cent over three years.

The equipment used was costly but Kordab said he was working on designing a cheaper system for wider use.

Homes and businesses used 35 per cent of the 7,000 million kwh of electricity Syria generated in 1986. Industry used 40 per cent.

Other studies would look at

ways to use solar power for crop drying, heating greenhouses, desalination and generating electricity, Kordab said.

He said wind was another little-used energy source in which Syria was rich. A minimum wind speed of three metres per second (MPS) is needed for practical use.

Meteorologists say winds of four MPS blow across Syria at least half the year. In central regions around the city of Homs, they average six MPS for 40 per cent of the year.

The government encourages local production of wind energy equipment which many farmers already use to pump water for drinking or irrigation, Kordab said.

A study he made for the United Nations revealed that gas produced biologically was a promising energy source for Syria.

The study showed 126 million cubic metres (165 cu yds) of gas could be produced annually, 40 per cent of it from animal waste and 30 per cent each from poultry and from domestic waste.

He said such energy, to replace butane, was easily produced. Syria used 265,000 tonnes of butane in 1986.

## Third World financial difficulties under review

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 6. (AP) President Miguel de la Madrid cautioned on Friday that difficult economic prospects facing the Third World affect the stability of all nations.

Speaking at the inauguration of a meeting of the Commission of the South, De la Madrid said the problem "is complicated even more by the onerous service of the foreign debt and the resistance to solutions that might imply recognition of co-responsibility and restore the right to development."

The commission brings together 28 leaders from developing countries to discuss their economic, political and social problems. After the inauguration, the group moved to the mountain resort of Cocoyoc for private meetings through Monday.

**Debtors**

"The majority of debtors have managed to avoid confrontations and unilateral decisions," De la Madrid said.

Among those attending are Julius K. Nyerere of Tanzania, the commission's leader, former Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez and Cuban Vice-President Carlos Rafael Rodriguez.

Nyerere proposed in his open-

ing statement that debtors nations should form a forum in which they "could make more precise and develop their common problems."

"The creditors are strongly organised to defend their interests," he said. "The debtors aren't organised. Each one doesn't even appreciate the nature or the magnitude of the problems of the others."

"Because of that, the commission proposes the creation of a debtors forum," the former Tanzanian leader said.

**Co-operation**

The commission "will have to make inevitably a call for co-operation from the North — the North that today dominates as much in economics as it does in politics," he said.

The Commission of the South was formed last year in Geneva. It met in March in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The commission self-described purpose is to strengthen co-operation among developing countries and form proposals about the North-South dialogue.

Mexico's foreign debt of \$104 billion is the second-largest in the developing world after Brazil's. Its behaviour generally has been praised by its international creditors.

## World Business Summary

### Iraq to privatise 47 state-run factories

BAGHDAD, Aug. 6. (Reuters) The Iraqi government is to sell off 47 state-run factories across the country in a drive to boost private industry, a Baghdad newspaper reported today. The English-language Baghdad Observer said Hussein Kamel, newly-appointed Minister of Industry and Military Industrialisation, announced the decision at a recent meeting with a group of businessmen. "The sale of factories to the private sector is designed to give a wider role for this sector in pushing forward Iraq's economic development," Kamel was quoted as saying. He said that if private business were not interested in buying the factories, the government would form them into co-operatives with shares initially sold to employees. The paper gave no details of the factories but business sources said they mostly made textile, plastic and aluminium products. Kamel said the Military Industries Commission, which he also heads, had prepared a large fleet of heavy trucks for private sale to companies or individuals. "The objective is to facilitate the export of Iraqi goods, commodities and raw materials to Arab and foreign markets," Kamel said. "The fleet will hopefully undertake to transport Iraqi imports which currently cost the country large sums in hard currency." He added, "The Military Industries Commission runs a high-technology network making heavy equipment for military and civilian use — including Iraq's Al-Hussein missile which it used to bombard Iran during the war of the cities which halted in April. Kamel said the importers would be allowed to pay 60 per cent of the cost of imported machinery to foreign suppliers in hard currency, instead of the present 50 per cent. This was to encourage investment in the private sector. He called on Iraqi businessmen to explore new areas of enterprise with an emphasis on making components essential for existing national industries.

### Kim calls for counter-action against American trade bill

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 6. (AP) Opposition leader Kim Young-Sam called today for action to counter the effects of a sweeping US trade bill branded as protectionist by South Korean officials. In a news conference, Kim demanded an immediate National Assembly session to work out "positive" measures to protect South Korea from possible US trade realisation arising from the trade bill passed by the US Senate on Wednesday. Kim, who heads South Korea's second largest opposition party, urged other political parties to join hands in dealing with the trade bill that would clear the way for the US government to retaliate against foreign countries who allegedly conduct unfair trade practices. President Ronald Reagan has indicated he will approve the bill, passed by the Senate last Wednesday.

President Roh Tae-Woo's Democratic Justice Party and other opposition parties immediately accepted Kim's call. South Korean government officials are concerned that if enacted, the trade bill would seriously hurt South Korean exports to US markets, accounting for 40 per cent of its total exports. The US trade bill caused South Korea to work out a flurry of steps aimed at avoiding US trade pressure, ranging from more imports of US goods to the more rapid appreciation of the South Korean currency against the US dollar.

### Japan to grant new credits for Iraqi development projects

BAGHDAD, Aug. 6. (Reuters) Japan will grant new credits to Iraq to finance major development projects and give Baghdad more time to repay existing loans under agreements signed today, an Asian diplomat said. The Iraqi News Agency INA said Trade Minister Mohammed Mahdi Saleh and Japanese Ambassador Taiso Nakamura signed letters on the extension of banking facilities to finance the projects. It gave no further details and Japanese embassy officials were not available for comment. The diplomat said the signing was an important move to resolve problems over the payment of credits worth hundreds of million dollars. He said Iraq, whose foreign currency reserves have been drained by the eight-year war with Iran, would now be able to defer repayments and get new credits. Japanese firms are building motorways, power stations, dams, petrochemical plants, airports and other projects in Iraq. Some firms have already agreed to accept payment in the form of Iraqi oil while others have agreed to rescheduling. A high-level Japanese delegation is due in Baghdad on Monday to discuss relations in trade and other areas, a Japanese embassy official said. It will also discuss efforts to arrange a ceasefire in the Gulf war. Japan imports most of its oil from Iraq and Iran and has invested billions of dollars in developments in both countries.

### UAE banker wants to strengthen economic ties with Soviets

MOSCOW, Aug. 6. (Reuters) One of the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) biggest banks is prepared to finance joint ventures with Soviet partners and consider fresh credits for Soviet banks, its chairman said in an interview published today. Suroor Bin Sultan Al Dhaberi, chairman of the Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, told the official news agency Tass during a visit here that the bank was studying further financial and commercial co-operation with the Soviet Union. "The Abu Dhabi bank is prepared to finance the creation of joint ventures the size of a \$50 million credit granted to the Soviet Union in April the bank would be prepared to consider further such requests from Soviet banks," he added. "The Soviet Union enjoys the reputation of a reliable borrower," he added. Al Dhaberi proposed the creation of a direct air link between Abu Dhabi and Samarkand, a major Muslim cultural centre in Soviet Central Asia as a means of boosting tourism between the two countries. Al Dhaberi's visit, at the invitation of the Foreign Trade Bank of the USSR, comes amid signs of improving political relations between the Soviet Union and Gulf states. On Monday, Qatar became the fourth Gulf state to open diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. UAE has had such ties since 1985.

### Belgrade lifts price controls

BELGRADE, Aug. 6. (AP) The Yugoslav government yesterday lifted price controls for numerous goods and services, including energy and transport. The widespread lifting of price controls at a time when inflation hovered at about 180 per cent included gasoline, diesel fuel, electricity, cooking gas, coal, rail transport and postal services. The measure meant that prices for those items, strictly controlled by the state for most of the post World War II period, would now be set by their producers, the state-run press reported.

Manufacturers of cooking oil, flour and bread also were allowed price increases, but the staples would still be under government control, the reports said. The government measure has already hit Yugoslavs with a 39 per cent increase in the price of electricity, an average 55 per cent price hike for rail transport and a 66 per cent rise in cooking oil prices. Other producers, including those of fuel and bread, have yet to announce their new prices, according to press reports. Workers have staged several protest marches in Yugoslavia following the introduction in May of a government programme that allowed substantial price hikes and hefty wage cuts. The May measure lifted price controls for about 60 per cent of goods and services that had been frozen since November.

The steps are designed to eventually curb the country's inflation and help repay Yugoslavia's \$21-billion foreign debt by introducing a more market-oriented economy. The government, together with the International Monetary Fund, which helped design the programme, set a target for Yugoslav inflation to drop to 95 per cent by the end of 1988.

ملكو العرب



## Alshall stock price indices

## Kuwait share prices retreat

ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 44.21 points with a decrease of 2.01 points from last week's average. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 49.80 points with a decrease of 0.50 point for the same period.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 98.17 million shares at a daily average of 19.63 million shares with a decrease of 38.4 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 31.86 million shares. (One day of trading only) Gulf traded shares reached 34.74 million shares at a daily average of 6.95 million shares with a decrease of 25 per cent from last week's daily average of 9.28 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD39.98 million at a daily average of KD7.82 million, a decrease of 43 per cent from last week's daily average of KD31.55 million. The value of Gulf traded shares was KD3.484 million at a daily average of KD6.97 million, a decrease of 5.5 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.738 million.

The market performance showed some retreating from the very active level reached during the second half of the week when Iran accepted United Nations Resolution 598 and the following Wednesday which was the only trading day in the long holiday week.

This retreating was shown on the three indices for both markets and attributed to the nature of market participants and their very short-term trading approach.

The banking sector led the Kuwait market at 71 per cent of total trading. The Commercial Bank ranked first in this sector at 21.4 per cent, followed by Burgan Bank at 19.4 per cent and the Gulf Bank at 17.5 per cent.

The Services Sector came second at 11.8 per cent, of which Kuwait Commercial Markets Co. had the lead at 64 per cent, followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 15.6 per cent and Public Warehousing Co. at 15 per cent.

Third came the Real Estate Sector at 7.9 per cent of total trading volume, with United Realty in the lead at 62 per cent, followed by Kuwait Real Estate at 17.5 per cent and Kuwait Project Co. at 10 per cent.

As for the Gulf shares market, the Financial Sector resumed its lead at 90 per cent of total traded shares, with Coast Investment and Development Company at the lead with 83 per cent of the total Gulf shares, followed by Ras Al Khaima White Cement at 5 per cent and Fujairah Cement at 4 per cent.

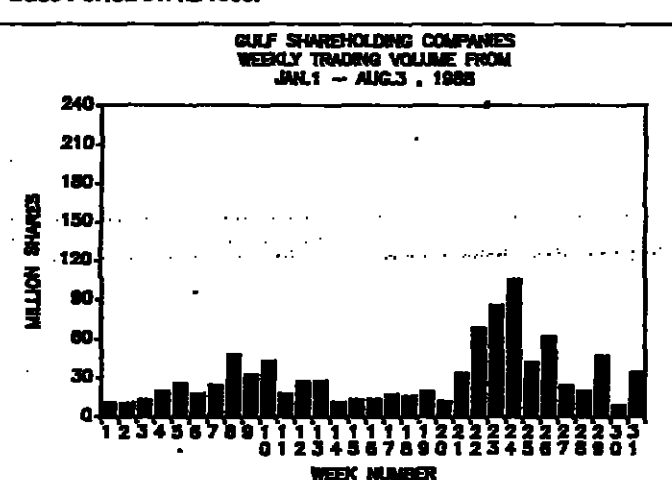
In spite of our belief that a settlement for the Gulf war will be generally positive, we anticipate continuous increase in share prices only in the short-term.

## Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 03/08/88	Wednesday 27/07/88	Change points
<b>Banking Sector</b>			
Kuwait National Bank	111.60	115.66	-4.06
The Gulf Bank	36.05	38.95	-2.90
The Commercial Bank	28.31	30.92	-2.61
Al Ahli Bank	38.41	42.77	-3.36
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	35.08	37.71	-2.63
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	36.11	38.10	-1.98
Burgan Bank	32.21	34.69	-2.48
Kuwait Finance House	80.12	83.15	-3.02
<b>Investment Sector</b>			
Investment Sector	50.58	53.54	-2.97

Kuwait Investment Co.	33.42	34.89	-1.47
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	29.55	31.27	-1.72
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	88.89	92.06	-3.17
IFA	75.00	80.88	-5.88
<b>Commercial Facilities</b>			
Commercial Facilities	122.50	122.50	—
<b>Insurance Sector</b>			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	40.77	40.77	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	27.69	26.92	0.77
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	52.16	52.16	—
Warba Insurance Co.	79.04	80.76	-1.72
<b>Real Estate Sector</b>			
Kuwait Real Estate	41.26	41.15	0.11
United Realty	30.33	31.10	-0.76
National Real Estate	12.73	12.96	-0.22
<b>Industrial Sector</b>			
Kuwait Cement Co.	43.00	43.80	-0.80
Refrigeration Indust.	22.31	22.77	-0.46
Gulf Cables	17.38	17.38	—
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	90.04	88.94	1.10
Food Sector	110.04	110.04	—
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	100.45	105.78	-5.33
United Fisheries	36.32	36.50	-0.18
<b>Services Sector</b>			
Kuwait Computer Co.	200.88	207.36	-6.48
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	89.90	95.96	-6.06
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	40.95	41.95	-1.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	390.48	414.29	-23.81
Food Sector	71.51	75.43	-3.91
<b>Overall Index</b>			
Overall Index	44.21	46.22	-2.01

<b>Financial Companies</b>			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	93.79	96.55	-2.76
Bahrain M. East Bank	89.22	87.32	1.90
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	110.48	112.38	-1.90
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	61.85	61.85	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	54.55	56.06	-1.52
<b>Other Companies</b>			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	13.68	13.68	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujairah Cement	11.84	11.84	—
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	26.11	27.78	-1.67
Gulf Medical Projects	29.80	29.80	—
<b>Investment Sector</b>			
Investment Sector	18.62	17.05	0.43
<b>Overall Index</b>			
Overall Index	49.80	50.30	-0.50



WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM JAN. 1 - AUG. 3, 1988

## KD rates mixed in quiet trade

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates were mixed in quiet trade yesterday, with a jump in short-dated maturities and an adjustment in fixed-dates to a uniform yield curve.

Dealers said rates were pushed up by what appeared to be a delayed reaction to the Central Bank's intervention in the market on Wednesday to bid for funds.

Overnight rose to 10 per cent and tomorrow next and spot next to nine per cent after trading at a uniform four per cent on Thursday.

Liquidity Dealers said the Central Bank once again entered the market, but in a less dramatic way, offering to buy Treasury bills to boost liquidity.

Fixed-dated maturities flattened to a uniform 6-3/8, six per cent.

On Thursday, Kuwait's last trading day ahead of the Gulf weekend, one-month had been quoted at 6-1/8, 5-3/4 per cent, two- and three-months at 6-1/2, 5-7/8 per cent, six-months at 6-1/2, 1/16 per cent and one-year at 6-1/2, 1/8 per cent.

The Central Bank set the dinar easier at 0.28361/71 to the dollar after 0.28265/75 on Thursday. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28368/72.

Meanwhile, Saudi fixed-date rial deposit rates hovered near nine-month highs yesterday, with no sign of an expected inflow of liquidity at the end of the Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah.

Dealers said short-term rates slid nearly a full percentage point from Thursday, but remained at a high 9-3/4, nine per cent as banks prepared to cover themselves for Monday's settlement of a 1.5 billion rial issue of Saudi development bonds. Fixed periods remained at their highest levels since late October.

Rates in all periods were pushed up two months ago when Riyadh began its bond programme and have been climbing ever since, spurred on in part by rising dollar interest rates.

Dealers said liquidity after this year's pilgrimage, or hajj, was abnormally low.

Usually, funds flow into the market as hundreds of thousands of pilgrims leave the country. "It is the worst year for liquidity in at least eight years," said one dealer.

One- and three-month maturities were little changed at 8-15/16, 13/16 per cent. Six-months was steady at nine, 7/8, but one-year firmed 1/16 point to 9-1/16, 8-15/16.

The spot rial was little changed on Thursday, the Gulf's last trading day before the weekend, at 3.7493/98 to the dollar.

KUWAIT						
BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.100	1.100	1.070	1.100	2110000	83
GULF BANK	0.445	0.435	0.445	0.430	2360000	85
COMMERCIAL BK	0.335	0.325	0.330	0.320	3870000	130
ANLI BANK	0.415	0.410	0.410	0.400	1040000	44
B.K.M.E.	0.410	0.400	0.400	0.400	30000	3
K.R.E.B.	0.455	—	—	—	—	—
BURGAN BANK	0.330	0.325	0.330	0.325	2350000	86
K.F.HOUSE	0.520	0.530	0.530	0.510	3165000	87
<b>INVESTMENT SECTOR</b>						
KWT INV. CO.	0.182	—	—	—	—	—
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	—	—	—	—	—
K.I.L.C.	0.178	0.172	0.172	0.172	40000	2
COM.FACILITIES	0.490	—	—	—	—	—
ANLIAN INV.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
I.F.A.	0.102	0.102	0.102	0.102	120000	5
INV. PEARL KWT	0.112	0.112	0.114	0.112	1340000	17
<b>INSURANCE SECTOR</b>						
KWT INSURANCE	0.750	—	—	—	—	—
GULF INSURANCE	0.360	—	—	—	—	—
ANLI INS. CO.	0.590	—	—	—	—	—
WARBA INS. CO.	0.460	—	—	—	—	—
<b>REAL ESTATE SECTOR</b>						
KWT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.236	0.238	0.238	0.236	40000	2
UNIT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.116	0.114	0.114	0.112	320000	12
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.216	—	—	—	—	—
MOBILE TELE.	0.080	—	—	—	—	—
KWT PROJECTS	0.086	0.085	0.085	0.085	120000	2
KWT R.E.I.CON	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
<b>INDUSTRY SECTOR</b>						
NAT IND. CO.	0.500	—	—	—	—	—
KWT N.P. IND.	0.350	—	—	—	—	—
KWT CEMENT CO.	0.255	—	—	—	—	—
REF. IND. CO.	0.410	—	—	—	—	—
N.A.M.T.CO.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
GULF CABLE	1.070	—	—	—	—	—
K.P.N. IND. CO.	0.234	0.226	0.230	0.226	60000	2
CONT. MARINE	0.350	—	—	—	—	—
K.SH.REP. CO.	0.046	—	—	—	—	—
<b>SERVICES SECTOR</b>						
OVERLAND TRANS.	0.082	—	—	—	—	—
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	—	—	—	—	—
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170	—	—	—	—	—
P.MAREHOUTING	0.182	0.178	0.180	0.176	140000	6
CON.MKT.CMPX.	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020	1360000	12
MOBILE TELE.	0.410	0.410	0.410	0.405	540000	14
KWT COMPUTER	0.188	0.186	0.188	0.186	80000	3
<b>FOOD SECTOR</b>						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.230	—	—	—	—	—
UNTO FISHERIES	0.154	—	—	—	—	—
UNTO POULTRY	0.234	—	—	—	—	—
KWT FOODS	0.310	—	—	—	—	—
AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150	—	—	—	—	—
<b>NON-KWT SECTOR</b>						
B.H.N. INTER.BK	0.068	0.068	0.068	0.068	80000	2
B.H.N.EAST.BK	0.047	—	—	—	—	—
UNTO GULF BK	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
COAST INVEST.	0.116	0.116	0.116	0.112	9180000	102
A.G. INV. CORP	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.036	240000	3
FIRST GULF BK	0.620	—	—	—	—	—
B.K.I.G.	0.080	—	—	—	—	—

KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE						
COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV. CO.	0.096	—	—	—	—	—
GULF INV. CO.	0.061	—	—	—	—	—
GULF INTL. INS.	0.009	—	—	—	—	—
ARAB INT. CO.	0.055	—	—	—	—	—
SHARJAH INS.	0.000	—	—	—	—	—
GULF UNION INS.	0.070	—	—	—	—	—
<b>INDUSTRIAL SECTOR</b>						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.027	—	—	—	—	—
C.R.K. WHITE CMT	0.024	0.023	0.024	0.023	720000	3
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007	—	—	—	—	—
E-FUJAIRAH CEMENT	0.009	—	—	—	—	—
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	—	—	—	—	—
G-GULF CEMENT	0.016	—	—	—	—	—
H-UNION QATWAIN	0.021	0.020	0.021	0.020	240000	3

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 4/8/88			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
2	Zarka	GH&Q	4747815
3	Dresden	Steamco	2439973
4	Professor Mierzejewski	A. Seas	2421303
6	Falcu	Alsawan	4746018
7	Kanika 4	GH&Q	4747815
17	Takeshima Maru	Pronto	2433537
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
6/8	Barge Alia	Gulf Star	4845501
7/8	Alyamamah	KSA	4843150
7/8	Ibn Alnasef	KSA	4843150
7/8	Hual Ingrida	AMB	2459891
7/8	Nikolaymorzon	Rashed	2422026
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT			
B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
15	Dubai	UASC	4843150
15	B/B Sedra	KOTC	—
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT			
ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
6/8	Pearl	SMS	4745471
6/8	Tug Gulf Master	S. Shaheen	2432692
6/8	Abu Basma	RSMS	2423642
9/8	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
9/8	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
8/9	Hercules	BB Hassan	2440359
11/8	Ghwilline Orient	Gh. Barber	2442988
16/8	Trade Freedom	M.A. Bahar	—
10/6	New Oasis	A.S. Marafie	2465645
13/8	Atropos	M.A. Bahar	2433881
14/8	Soya Maru	RSMS	2423642
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Golden Investors	100.00

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US dollars	100.00
Sterling pounds	100.00
Indian rupees	100.00
Sri Lankan rupees	100.00
Philippine pesos	100.00
US dollars	100.00
Sterling pounds	100.00
Indian rupees	100.00
Sri Lankan rupees	100.00
Philippine pesos	100.00

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ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.21 1.20
ARAB BANK	1.63 1.62
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	109.0 108.7
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.38 1.36
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99 0.94
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98 0.92
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94 0.92
ARAB INTER. HOTEL	0.53 0.52
ARAB JOR/INVST/BK	2.10 2.10
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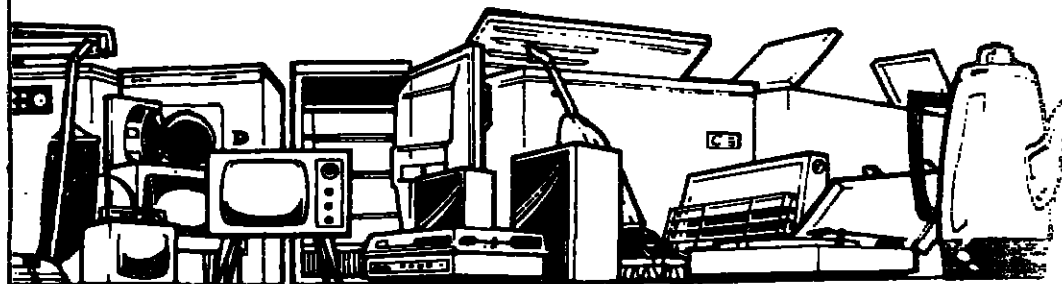
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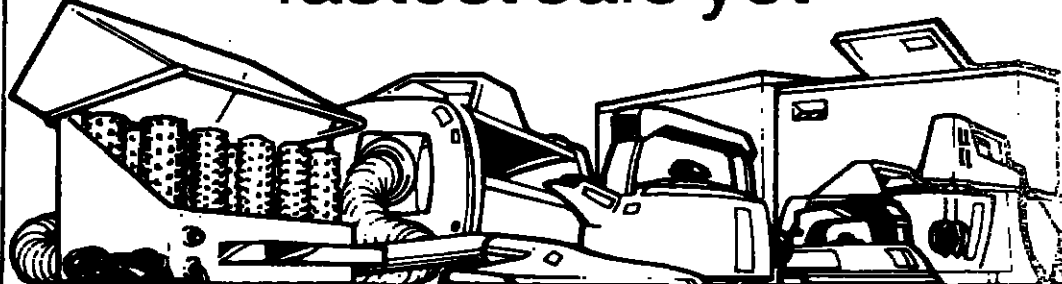
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## Graham beats Bonder-Kreis for semifinals

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 6, (UPI): American teenager Debbie Graham, ranked 315th in the world, reached the semifinals of the \$100,000 San Diego women's tennis tournament with a 6-2, 6-3 win over compatriot Lisa Bonder-Kreis yesterday.

Graham, a 17-year-old qualifier, was to meet fellow-American Stephanie Rehe, the second seed, in this evening's semifinals.

"I'm still in shock about winning the first round," Graham said. "I just wanted to turn in a good showing and win a few games."

Bonder-Kreis, 22, who was ninth in the world four years ago, has had a disappointing year, dropping eight first-round matches in 12 tournaments.

**Married**  
"My tennis isn't focused now. It used to be after a loss like I'd get emotional and depressed for days," she said. "But I've got other things going on in my life."

"I've just been married for eight months and I'm pregnant with the baby due in February," said Bonder-Kreis, who is currently ranked 90.

Graham changed tactics after the first set and began rushing the net.

"She was directing play during the first set," said Graham. "I changed my game though, in the next set by coming to the net more and using my drop shot to counter what she was doing."

Bonder-Kreis said: "It was sheer stupidity on my part. I was being hopeful she'd make errors. She tried to boss me off the court and did."

**Gardner holds on to British GP pole spot**  
DONINGTON PARK, England, Aug. 6, (UPI): World champion Wayne Gardner of Australia was slightly injured today after crashing in practice for the British Grand Prix 500cc motorcycle race at Donington Park tomorrow.

Ironically Gardner came off his Honda at one of the slowest bends on the twisting 4.02-km circuit.

After a visit to the medical centre, Gardner emerged smiling and unharmed. "There's no problem. I've just banged my head a bit," he said.

After three of the four qualifying sessions, Gardner still held provisional pole position by virtue of his lap record time of one minute 35.09 seconds — average 152.30 kph — set in the first session yesterday.

His big rival Eddie Lawson, the American Yamaha rider who leads Gardner by 27 points in the world championship, was fastest in the third session, improving his best time to 1:35.72.

**Leading times:** Lawson one minute 35.09 seconds (94.64 mph); 2. Eddie Lawson (USA) Yamaha 1:35.64; 3. Christian Sarron (France) Yamaha 1:36.44; 4. Wayne Gardner (USA) Yamaha 1:36.17; 5. Niall MacKenzie (Britain) 1:36.21; 6. Didier de Radigue (Belgium) Yamaha 1:36.52; 7. Randy Farrel (USA) Yamaha 1:36.54; 8. Ron Haslam (Britain) Honda 1:37.18; 9. Tadayuki Taira (Japan) Yamaha 1:37.30; 10. Kevin Magee (Australia) Yamaha 1:37.34; 11. Rob McElnea (Britain) Suzuki 1:37.43.

**Normally-aspirated cars dominate final practice**  
UDAPEST, Aug. 6, (UPI): Ayrton Senna sped the blushes in his all-conquering McLaren and the turbo brigade in general today when he snatched pole position for tomorrow's Hungarian Grand Prix motor race.

After trading fastest laps with normally-aspirated Williams driven by Briton Nigel Mansell throughout most of an exciting qualifying session, the 28-year-old Brazilian secured prime place on the grid with a best time one minute 27.635 seconds.

There were only seven minutes remaining and the lap set a qualifying record time for the isting, slow Hungaroring circuit, 20 kilometres north of Budapest.

**Settle**  
Mansell, unshaven, tired and suffering from the chicken which has laid him low for a week, could not respond again a day when the normally-aspirated contenders enjoyed a best hour of the season.

He was forced to settle for second place on the grid with a time just one tenth of second faster than Senna's.

In a warm, dry afternoon, the team was dominated by the normally-aspirated cars with Senna, his McLaren team-mate and world champion driver Alain Prost of France and trian Gerhard Berger in a trian representing the turbo's

ence in the top 10. Heirry Boutsen of Belgium in cketon was third quickest like Mansell and Senna.

## MCENROE CRUISES INTO HARDCOURT SEMIFINALS

# Becker brushes aside Dombia

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, Aug. 6, (UPI): Top-seeded Boris Becker defeated Senegal's Yahya Dombia 6-2, 6-3 last night to advance into the semifinals of the US Men's Hardcourt Tennis Championships against local product Todd Witsken, who will be playing his first professional singles semifinal.

Becker, a two-time Wimbledon champion, was to this evening meet Witsken of nearby Carmel, Ind. Witsken earlier in the night defeated No. 13 seed Jim Pugh of Palos Verdes, Calif., 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

**Advanced**  
Fifth-seeded John McEnroe defeated Michael Robertson of South Miami, Florida, 7-5, 6-2 in the last quarterfinal match last night at the Indianapolis Sports Centre. McEnroe advanced to the other semifinal, against 15th seed Robert Seguso, who eliminated 10th-seeded Derrick Rostagno, 6-4, 6-1.

Becker raised his game against the unheralded African, who is ranked 98th in the world. In the first set the West German piled up a quick 5-1 lead and in the second set he also took charge from the very beginning.

"I really played hard. I heard how he plays and that he is talented," said Becker, who is ranked fifth in the world.

"I wanted to take control of the match early. I didn't want to make it a long match because we have the semis tomorrow. I played my best match of the tournament."

Witsken, 24, was excited about playing Becker for the first time with a chance to reach the final of his hometown tournament.

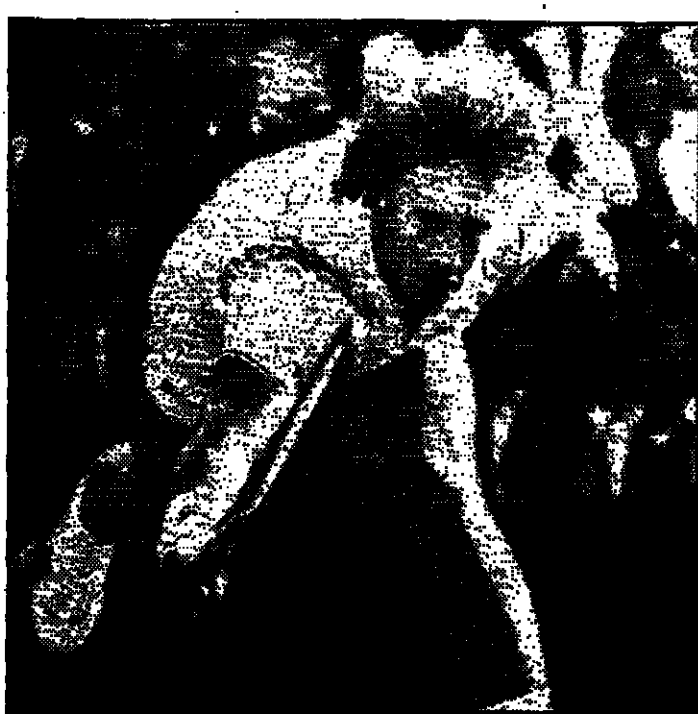
"I haven't watched him play much this week. I'm looking forward to playing him. It should be a good opportunity and a good match," he said.

Blinding rains and winds gusting to 50 mph halted Witsken's match twice for a total of 5-1/2 hours. Witsken led 4-3 after the second rainstorm, then held his serve and broke Pugh to take the first set.

"If you sit and think about it all day, it will destroy you," Witsken said. "I just tried to relax during the break and not think about the match too much."

Both players struggled with unforced errors in the final sets. Pugh broke two of Witsken's first three serves and held the rest of the way to take the second set. Each player adopted a cautious style in the final set, content to play in the backcourt and await a mistake by their opponent.

The mistakes came from Pugh in the eighth game of the third set.



Becker played his best match of the tournament

He put a two-handed forehand return into the net and knocked a backhand shot wide of the court, giving Witsken a service break and a 5-3 lead. Witsken then held his serve, winning the match when Pugh's final two returns sailed well beyond the court. The

different conditions. We were having trouble keeping the ball in the court. At the end, I was just trying to make him hit winners."

Seguso, the only winner before the rains, reached a singles semifinal for the first time since last February in Memphis, Tenn. Seguso struggled with Rostagno's strong serve in the first set but adjusted his return stance in the second set to disrupt the Brentwood, Calif., resident's game.

"He has a serve that kicks," Seguso said. "After a while, I learned where to stand to take that away and I think that frustrated him. He played a horrible match in the second set."

Seguso, 25, Sebring, Florida, has earned 21 tournament titles in doubles with partner Ken Flach, including this year's Wimbledon crown.

McEnroe has struggled to regain the form that earned him four US Open titles and three Wimbledon crowns, including both in 1981 and 1984.

"McEnroe has been having trouble," Seguso said. "He hasn't been playing as many tournaments. When he's hot, he's playing two or three tournaments a month. He might go out and play like McEnroe of '84 and he might play like No. 200 in the world. You just don't know."

## Both sides agree on courses for America's Cup races

# Conner aims to go all out for victory

HONOLULU, Aug. 6, (UPI): Dennis Conner, skipper of the America's Cup defending Stars and Stripes, yesterday dismissed talk of a mis-match against New Zealand and said he would prepare for the September regatta as rigorously as he could.

"It's my job to prepare the boat as meticulously as time allows and to have my crew and myself in the state of mind to race this boat as if it were the toughest America's Cup race in history," Conner told Reuters in a dock-side interview.

Conner will sail a catamaran against the huge monohull of New Zealand in the best-of-three series starting on September 7.

"No one really knows how fast these boats are, so we have to make sure we're not believing the stuff that's being written that's put out by (New Zealand syndicate chief) Michael Fay," said Conner, who is in Honolulu for

the Hawaii International Ocean Racing Series.

"It's all conjecture no one knows because we've never raced a catamaran. So it's our job to prepare ourselves as if our lives and the America's Cup depended on it — because it does," said the tanned and trim Conner.

**Called**  
Preliminary test reports have indicated that Stars and Stripes could beat Fay's boat by an hour, possibly more. Fay has called the race a "mis-match of nautical apples and oranges."

Asked to respond to rumours that Stars and Stripes may "dog" the race so as not to beat New Zealand by as much as an hour, Conner said he planned to do the best job he could.

"I'm there to win," said Conner. "If I beat them by two hours, I'll be glad that we won the race and glad the Americans had a

boat that could beat Fay."

Conner said his sole intention was to win the regatta and then "continue on with the type of series the rest of the world would like to have — like the one Perth had."

Fay won a court ruling following the last America's Cup in Perth, Australia, allowing his challenge in a boat other than the traditional 12-metre yacht. The defending San Diego club then went to court themselves to get permission to exclude other challengers and sail a multihull.

Meanwhile, San Diego has agreed with the New Zealand challengers to use traditional courses for the series, New Zealand's attorney said yesterday.

New Zealand attorney Andrew Johns said San Diego had sought to race on courses other than those specified in the governing deed of gift.

## Troubles still plague S. African tour

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 6, (UPI): Six members of a world rugby union team arrived today for a tour of South Africa but it was still uncertain whether the seven-match series would take place.

The troubled tour's fate appeared to hinge on whether a group of French internationalists would defy appeals by anti-apartheid campaigners to boycott South Africa.

The six were Australian winger Ian Williams, centre Joe Tonga from Honolulu and four Tongan players — prop Hak-

atoa Tupou, centre Alamoani Liava, fullback Tali Eteaki and prop Takai Makaisi.

Williams told reporters at Johannesburg's Jan Smuts airport that five fellow-Australian internationalists were ready to join the tour if they were convinced the world team would be a strong squad.

"The South African Rugby Board had provided no indication of the composition of the side and this is important for the other Australian players," he said.

Bowing to anti-apartheid

pressure from politicians and sports administrators, top players from most major rugby nations have refused to join the tour.

Players from Argentina and Fiji are expected but unless the French and Australian contingents take part the squad will be cannon fodder against South Africa's awesome Springboks and the tour may not get off the ground.

With New Zealand and British stars absent, it is now clear the squad will not represent the cream of world rugby.

## Fung retires

TORONTO, Aug. 6, (UPI): Canadian Lori Fung, the first Olympic singles gold medalist in rhythmic gymnastics at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, retired from the sport yesterday, after a year of injury and illness.

Fung, 25, was diagnosed last week as having tennisitis in the arches of both feet. She has also suffered since May from Epstein Barr syndrome, a strength-sapping virus related to mononucleosis.

"I've had a good year but I've had a bad time," said Fung, who won the Four Continents Tournament in June.

## Three-way tie for lead in Jude Classic

CORDOVA, Tenn., Aug. 6, (UPI): Americans Jodie Mudd, Peter Jacobsen and Tim Simpson each birdied their final hole to post scores of four-under-par 68 and share the lead after two rounds of the St. Jude Classic golf tournament yesterday.

The three were knotted at eight-under-par 136 following 36 holes over the demanding Colonial Country Club layout that measures almost 7,300 yards.

One shot behind the leaders were first-round co-leader Ed Fiori and Nick Price of Britain, who shot a tournament-low of 64 with nine birdies in the hot and muggy weather.

Simpson and Mudd said later that they liked their chances.

"I'm on a roll right now and am hitting the ball fantastic. I'm confident heading into the weekend," said Simpson.

Mudd countered: "I'm real confident and I'm going to be aggressive and see what happens."

Jacobson, who led both the Western Open and the Busch Classic heading into the final round, was more philosophical.

**Coasting**  
"Those tournaments proved to me that the tournament is not over 'til it's over and that there is no coasting out there," he said.

Price, playing in his first tournament since finishing second at the British Open, rebounded from an opening 73.

"I was disappointed with my round on Thursday and came out this morning and strengthened my grip. Suddenly I shoot eight under," said Price. "I was a bit concerned about making the cut when I three-putted my second hole on the day but then I started shooting a good solid round."

Three golfers stood two shots off the pace including Americans Larry Mize and Tommy Armour III and South African Fulton Allem. Armour and Allem each shot 69 while Mize jumped back into contention with a 68.

Defending champion Curtis Strange shot a 71 and was four under par after two rounds.

## Morgan's magic fails to save Red Sox from rampaging Tigers

NEW YORK, Aug. 6, (AP): The Boston Red Sox may have "Morgan's magic," but they should always remember the motorcity. Boston managed just 10 hits in last night's doubleheader at Detroit, losing 3-1 and 3-2 to fall three games behind the first-place Tigers in the American League East.

"Even though we haven't been hitting, we play good defense and find a way to hurt you," said Detroit's Jack Morris, the winning pitcher in the first game. "I compare us with the Baltimore clubs of the early 1980's. As long as we win, that's all we care about."

The Red Sox have dropped three straight, their longest losing streak under manager Joe Morgan, who took over for John McNamara after the All-Star break. Boston is 19-4 under Morgan.

**Complete**  
Elsewhere, Minnesota swept a doubleheader from New York, 7-5 and 11-2. Baltimore beat Milwaukee 4-1 in the first game of a doubleheader and Milwaukee came back to win the nightcap 3-1. In other games, it was Toronto 7, Kansas City 6, Texas 8, Cleveland 4, and Oakland 4, Seattle 1.

Frank Viola became the Major League's first 17-game winner and helped Minnesota complete a doubleheader sweep after Gene Larkin's three-run homer led the Twins in the opener. The losses dropped the third-place Yankees four games behind the Tigers.

Greg Brock drove in two runs and relievers Juan Nieves and Dan Plesac allowed no hits in four innings to give Milwaukee a split in its doubleheader with Baltimore.

In the first game, Jose Bautista pitched a six-hitter and Jim Traber hit a tie-breaking single in the sixth inning.

Against the Royals, Toronto's George Bell drove in three runs with two doubles and reliever Duane Ward allowed no hits in 4-2-3 innings to lead Toronto.

Ward, 7-1, who replaced Jimmy Key in the fourth, walked two and struck out five. Tom Henke worked the ninth to earn his 20th save.

**Yugoslav soccer season starts amid 'mafia' threats**

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 6, (AP): Yugoslavia's 1988-89 soccer championship started today amid a results-fixing controversy and reports of "mafia" threats against leading soccer officials who said they will quit.

The Yugoslav Soccer Federation needed until late yesterday to settle a controversy over which teams will compete in the First Division and which will be relegated to the second.

The controversy stemmed from the result of the decisive final round game of the First Division's 1987-88 championship, played on June 12. In that contest, F.C. Celik trailed last-placed Pristina 2-0 with less than two minutes remaining before scoring three goals to claim a 3-2 victory.

Sports commentators were unanimous in declaring that the result between Celik and Pristina, which put F.C. Sutjeska into the Second Division and left Celik in the first, had been fixed.

After several meetings, 70 hours of discussion and controversial decisions over the past 54 days, the federation ruled yesterday against an appeal by

Pete Incavitta hit a three-run homer and Ruben Sierra also had three RBI as Texas snapped a four-game losing streak and handed Cleveland its sixth straight loss.

Oakland's Storm Davis scattered eight hits in seven innings to win his sixth straight start and Walt Weiss scored the go-ahead run on a balk in the seventh.

Davis, 11-4, walked two and struck out three. Seattle's run was unearned. Dennis Eckersley, the fourth Oakland pitcher, retired the last five batters in order to earn his Major-League leading 32nd save in 36 opportunities.

In Anaheim, California, Dave Gallagher and Steve Lyons doubled with two outs in the 10th inning and Chicago defeated California to gain a split of their doubleheader.

The first game also went 10 innings, with California winning 6-5.

The New York Mets believe they got back more than just the best first baseman in the National League when Keith Hernandez returned to the lineup.

"His presence is unique," second baseman Wally Backman said.

"I didn't want to talk about it when he was gone," Mets manager Davey Johnson said. "But his enthusiasm is infectious."

Hernandez, playing for the first time since June 23 after he went down with a hamstring injury, doubled and hit a two-run homer as New York opened up a five-game lead over the Pirates in the National League East with a 3-2 victory last night in Pittsburgh.

In the NL West, meanwhile, the Houston Astros closed within 1-1/2 games of the division-leading Los Angeles Dodgers with a 6-4 victory.

In the rest of the League, Montreal defeated St. Louis 3-1, Philadelphia defeated Chicago 9-3, Cincinnati downed San Diego 10-7 and Atlanta beat San Francisco 8-5.

Hernandez's homer, his sixth of the season, broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh inning. He also doubled to set up the Mets' first run in the first inning.

**Real Madrid's Bernd Schuster kicks the ball with such force that he loses his shoe in the process. Real were playing Antwerpen in the A.D. tournament in Rotterdam on Friday evening. (Reuter wirephoto)**

# Senna spares McLaren team's blushes



Senna clinches eighth pole position of season

clocked a time quicker than last year's qualifying record set by the Briton.

Boutsen will share the second row of the grid with Italian Ivan Capelli's March.

Alessandro Nannini in the second Benetton was fifth fastest and fellow-Italian Riccardo Patrese in the second Williams was sixth, keeping Prost out of the front three rows for the first time this year.

Senna's pole position was his

eighth of the season, 24th of his career and his second in the three years of the Hungarian Grand Prix.

Senna, who is only three points behind Prost in their private duel for the drivers' championship, predicted a tough race in the heat forecast for tomorrow.

"I think it will be a very tough race physically for the drivers, particularly because it will last for two hours and be driven in hot weather," he said.

"I was lucky to get a clear lap here today. The circuit seems to suit the normally-aspirated cars very well but I think we shall be better tomorrow with our handling and grip when we have full tanks."

Mansell, driving here against the advice of his doctors, complained of soreness all over from the spots which chafed during the day and he did not appear alongside Senna at the post-session press conference.

The Ferraris endured a poor afternoon which, at one stage, saw both Berger and Italian Michele Alboreto trudging forlornly back towards the pits after abandoning their cars. Berger, third in the world championship, managed to qualify ninth on the grid but Alboreto was back in 15th place.

World champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil, seeking a hat-trick of Hungarian wins, could not better 13th place in his Lotus.

**Qualifying times for tomorrow's Hungarian Grand Prix motor race after today's final official practice session:**  
1. Ayrton Senna (Brazil) McLaren one minute 27.635 seconds (average speed 164.893 kph); 2. Nigel Mansell (Britain) Williams 1:27.743; 3. Thierry Boutsen (Belgium) Benetton 1:27.970; 4. Ivan Capelli (Italy) March 1:28.350; 5. Alessandro Nannini (Italy) Benetton 1:28.493; 6. Riccardo Patrese (Italy) Williams 1:28.569; 7. Alain Prost (France) McLaren 1:28.778; 8. Mauricio Gugelmin (Brazil) March 1:29.099; 9. Gerhard Berger (Austria) Ferrari 1:29.244; 10. Alex Caffi (Italy) Dallara 1:29.891; 11. Luis Perez Sala (Spain) Minardi 1:30.103; 12. Derek Warwick (Britain) Arrows 1:30.185; 13. Nelson Piquet (Brazil) Lotus 1:30.405; 14. Eddie Cheever (USA) Arrows 1:30.908; 15. Michele Alboreto (Italy) Ferrari 1:31.052; 16. Pierluigi Martini (Italy) Minardi 1:31.123; 17. Yannick Dalmas (France) Lola 1:31.200; 18. Andrea de Cesaris (Italy) Rial 1:31.523; 19. Satoru Nakajima (Japan) Lotus 1:31.646; 20. Philippe Alliot (France) Lola 1:31.719; 21. Jonathan Palmer (Britain) Tyrrell 1:31.741; 22. Gabriele Tarquini (Italy) Coloni 1:32.169; 23. Philippe Streiff (France) AGS 1:32.265; 24. Stefan Johansson (Sweden) Liger 1:32.342; 25. Rene Arnoux (France) Liger 1:32.477; 26. Stefano Modena (Italy) Eurobrun 1:32.614.

**Did not qualify:**  
27. Oscar Larrauri (Argentina) Eurobrun 1:32.987; 28. Bernd Schneider (West Germany) ZakSpeed 1:33.357; 29. Julian Bailey (Britain) Tyrrell 1:33.694; 30. Piercarlo Ghinazzi (Italy) ZakSpeed 1:34.701.



Real Madrid's Bernd Schuster kicks the ball with such force that he loses his shoe in the process. Real were playing Antwerpen in the A.D. tournament in Rotterdam on Friday evening. (Reuter wirephoto)



## ENGLAND ALL OUT FOR 202 IN 2ND INNINGS

## West Indies set to win fifth Test

LONDON, Aug 6. (Reuters): West Indies were on course to complete a 4-0 series triumph despite a defiant seven-hour innings of 84 by England captain Graham Gooch in the fifth and final cricket Test at the Oval today.

When opener Gooch was last out with England having made 202 in their second innings, West Indies faced a victory target of 225 — the highest total of the match — with 24 overs left in the final session and two days to follow tomorrow's rest day.

## Good

Gordon Greenidge batted powerfully and authoritatively in an unbeaten 53 as West Indies made 71 without loss by the close on what remained an essentially good pitch.

The final phase was played out with Derek Pringle leading England after Gooch dislocated a finger on his left hand trying unsuccessfully to catch Desmond Haynes from a no-ball by Phillip DeFreitas in the second over of the innings.

That incident apart, the long-standing Greenidge-Haynes first wicket partnership had few problems as they provided an



Gooch: scored 84

ideal platform for West Indies to complete a victory that would follow their emphatic wins in the previous three Tests.

Viv Richards's team, whose first innings deficit of 22 was their

first of the rubber, continued to fight back effectively despite their main strike bowler Malcolm Marshall being below his best when England resumed at 60 for three.

Winston Benjamin bowled unchanged in the two-hour morning session and sent back Neil Foster (34) and Matthew Maynard (10), while fellow paceman Courtney Walsh accounted for David Capel (12) and Jack Richards (3).

Off-spinner Roger Harper snapped up two for nine — Pringle (6) and DeFreitas (0) — but it was Gooch who held England together throughout in a display of immense concentration and application. He batted 423 minutes in total, hitting one six and eight fours, before finally falling to fast bowler Curtley Ambrose.

Gooch's long vigiled when he square-drove a ball from Ambrose and was caught by Greenidge, fielding halfway to the square over boundary.

Greenidge was soon back in the action to launch West Indies' thrust for victory in commanding style. He cut, drove and hooked with typical ferocity while fellow Barbadian Haynes proved the ideal foil in a much more subdued role.

The pair completed their half-century stand in 19 overs and were contained only by a nine-over spell costing 11 runs from left-arm spinner Childs. But

Greenidge ended with a flourish by reaching his 50, having struck nine fours.

## Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 285 (R. Smith 57, R. Bailey 43, C. Ambrose three for 31, R. Harper three for 50). WEST INDIES first innings 183 (J. DeFreitas 64, G. Logle 47, N. Foster five for 64, D. Pringle three for 45).

ENGLAND second innings (over-night 64 for three): G. Gooch c Greenidge b Ambrose 84, T. Currie b Marshall 15, R. Bailey b Benjamin 15, R. Smith b Benjamin 3, N. Foster c Logle b Benjamin 34, M. Maynard c b Benjamin 10, D. Capel b b Walsh 12, J. Richards c DeFreitas b Walsh 3, D. Pringle b Harper 8, P. DeFreitas c Haynes b Harper 8, J. Childs not out 11, Extras (b-3 b-15 ab-15) 33.

Total 202. Fall of wickets: 1-50 2-55 3-55 4-108 5-125 6-139 7-157 8-175 9-177.

Bowling: Marshall 25-6-52-1, Ambrose 24-1-50-1, Benjamin 22-4-52-4, Walsh 12-5-21-2, Harper 6-3-9-2.

WEST INDIES second innings: G. Greenidge not out 53, D. Haynes 15, Extras (ab-3) 3. Total 71 — close.

Bowling to date: Foster 5-1-22-0, DeFreitas 6-4-21-4, Childs 9-5-11-0, Pringle 4-0-17-0.



Prichard: unbeaten 44



Topley: five for 38

## Topley keeps Essex in chase for crown

LONDON, Aug 6. (Reuters): A five-wicket haul by seamer Don Topley steered Essex to a four-wicket win over Northamptonshire and into second place in the County Cricket Championship table yesterday.

Topley claimed five for 38, including a devastating spell of four for 14 in 29 balls, to dismiss the home side for 89 in their second innings, their lowest total of the season.

That left Essex, weakened by the absence of their four England players, requiring 135 to win but they looked in trouble at 73 for five, including losing their Australian captain Allan Border, who scored a century in the first innings, for naught.

However, a solid, unbeaten 44 from Paul Prichard guided Essex to their sixth championship win of the season and took them to 188 points, 27 behind leaders Kent who were held to a draw by Leicestershire at Canterbury.

Kent declared their second innings at 140 for six, leaving Leicestershire a tempting target of 221 to win.

After they had slumped to 73 for three, David Gower with 43 and James Whitaker with 48 added 84 from 17 overs to set up a victory chase.

But then four wickets fell and Leicestershire were content to play out for a draw, ending on 203 for seven.

Somerset captain Peter Roebuck scored a controlled 47 not out, the highest score of the match, to help his team to a five-wicket victory over Surrey at Weston-Super-Mare.

Beginning the third day at 55 for four, Somerset still needed 54 to win and their task was not made any easier when their fifth wicket fell with only 60 on the board.

But Neil Burns joined

Roebuck in a resolute stand which saw Somerset to their required target and their fifth championship success of the season.

## Results

At Weston-Super-Mare: Somerset beat Surrey by five wickets. Surrey 148 in 70.1 overs and 119. Somerset 159 in 61.1 overs and 110 for five (P. Roebuck 47 not out, K. Medleycott five for 33). Somerset 21 points. Surrey four.

At Northampton: Essex beat Northamptonshire by four wickets. Northamptonshire 283 in 94.4 overs and 89 (D. Topley five for 38, G. Miller three for 36). Essex 238 in 87.3 overs and 135 for six (P. Prichard 44 not out, N. Cook three for 30). Essex 22 points, Northamptonshire seven.

At Sheffield: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire — match drawn. Yorkshire 337 in 108.5 overs and 119 for no wicket declared (M. Moxon 64 not out, A. Metcalfe 51 not out). Nottinghamshire 195 in 54.4 overs (P. Johnson 124, P. Hartley five for 85, C. Shaw three for 44) and 198 for five (T. Robinson 67, B. Broad 45, S. Fletcher four for 48). Yorkshire eight points, Nottinghamshire five.

At Canterbury: Kent v Leicestershire — match drawn. Kent 327 in 115.4 overs and 140 for six declared (G. Ferris three for 42). Leicestershire 247 in 99.4 overs and 203 for seven (J. Whitaker 48, D. Gower 43, D. Haynes five for 62, G. Miller three for 36). Kent 50 points, Leicestershire five.

At Eastbourne: Sussex v Hampshire — match drawn. Sussex 279 in 103.3 overs and 225 for five declared (P. Parker 104 not out, N. Lenham 47). Hampshire 253 for six declared in 85.5 overs and 207 for seven (R. Scudamore 50, V. Taylor 40, A. Clarke five for 60). Sussex five points, Hampshire seven.

At Cheltenham: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire — match drawn. Gloucestershire 356 for eight declared in 118 overs and 234 for seven declared (P. Baines 70, P. Romaines 50, R. Russell 41, G. Parsons three for 47). Warwickshire 307 for seven declared in 80.3 overs and 191 for eight (G. Parsons 52, D. Lawrence four for 71). Gloucestershire seven points, Warwickshire six.

## Sri Lanka hit Notts for 307

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 6. (Reuters): Scoreboard on the opening day of the three-day cricket match between Nottinghamshire and Sri Lanka at Trent Bridge today.

SRI LANKA first innings: B. Kuruppu c Scott b Birch 158, A. Silva c K. Evans b Cairns 3, A. Samarasekera lbw b Cairns 20, D. Mendis c Scott b Mills 24, R. Madugalle c Scott b Cairns 72, H. Tilakaratne c Scott b Cairns 5, R. Ranasinghe not out 17, R. Mahanama b Newell 20, Extras (b-2 lb-9 ab-9) 28.

Total (for seven wickets, declared) 307. Fall of wickets: 1-12 2-12 3-45 4-210 5-222 6-294 7-307.

Bowling: Mills 15-0-95-1, Cairns 19-2-70-3, Saxelby 4-2-2-0, K. Evans 22-4-66-1, Birch 17-4-44-1, Newell 2-4-0-13-1.

Did not bat: Graeme Labrooy, Ranjith Madurasinghe, Saliya Abanegama.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE first innings: C. Broad not out 12, P. Pollard c Tilakaratne b Labrooy 16, M. Newell not out 7, Extras (b-3 ab-3) 6. Total (for one wicket) 41 — close. Fall of wicket: 1-26.

To bat: Duncan Martindale, John Birch (captain), Kevin Evans, Chris Scott, Chris Cairns, Russell Evans, Kevin Saxelby, David Mills.

## RALLYING

## Recalde triumphs

CORDOBA, Argentina, Aug 6. (Reuters): Jorge Recalde of Argentina, driving a Lancia Delta Integra, won the Argentine motor rally today.

Italy's Massimo Biasion and Franz Wittmann of Austria, also in Lancia Delta Integrales, finished second and third.

Recalde and Biasion both suffered mechanical problems on the third stage of the race completed — a rock on the road damaged Recalde's suspension system, slowing him down for one speed test, while Biasion's Lancia suffered a failure in the electrical system.

## Qamar and Maqsood train Kuwait team

By Yawar Maqsood Sports Editor

PAKISTAN'S Qamar Zaman and Maqsood Ahmed, rated among the world's top squash players, have been scheduled to meet in an exhibition game at Kuwait's Salmiya Sports Club tomorrow.

Qamar, world No. 16, and Maqsood, No. 25, came to Kuwait last Sunday at the invitation of Sheikh Fahd Al Saad Al Sabah, the chairman of the Kuwait Squash Federation, to train the Kuwait national team.

The Pakistanis have been trying to remove apparent weaknesses in the Kuwaiti players' games and prepare them for the Arab Squash Championships scheduled for Jordan next month. The training camp closed on Friday and the Kuwaiti players flew to London yesterday for another training camp which had been planned for them.

Qamar, however, was of the opinion that the Kuwaiti players

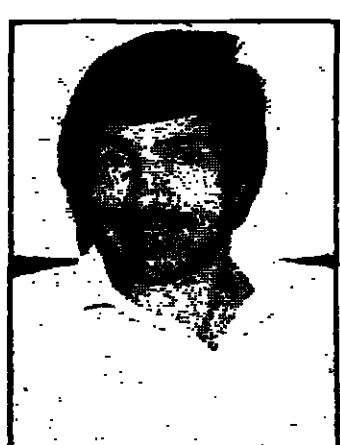
need not have gone to London as Maqsood and he were present in Kuwait. He felt that the team had gone to London only because the camp had been planned much in advance and the cancellation of various arrangements was difficult.

Maqsood and Qamar have, over the week, been trying to improve the technical aspect of the Kuwaitis' game. Both of them have been coaching at least four players each every day.

Qamar said that whenever he and Maqsood noticed any fault in the technique of a Kuwaiti player, they stopped the game and tried to eradicate it.

Qamar, who was the world's top player in 1975, 1978 and 1980, added that the Kuwaiti players still needed a lot of training to improve their standard. He felt that a week was not sufficient to bring out the best in them.

The former world No. 1 feels that Kuwait should do well at the Arab Championship as the team has some good players. Qamar has offered to come to Kuwait three to four times a year, for 15



Qamar Zaman

days each time, to train the Kuwait team. He said that he could not devote more time to this country's squad as he had to take part in tournaments all over the world and also had other commitments.

Qamar said that he and Maqsood were to have flown back to Pakistan yesterday, but Pakistan's squash enthusiasts had

wanted to see them in action and that they had happily acceded to this request.

It has also been learnt that negotiations are going on between the Kuwait Squash Federation and Maqsood to hire the latter as coach to the Kuwait national team. It is almost certain that Maqsood's services will be accepted to improve the standard of the game in this country.

## Best

Qamar believes that the Kuwaitis can achieve a better standard if international tournaments are held in Kuwait on a regular basis. He said that Kuwait had proved that it was capable of holding top-level tournaments by hosting the 4th Asian Squash Championship in January this year. He added this championship had been the best ever organised.

Maqsood and Qamar are expected to give an excellent exhibition of squash tomorrow at the Salmiya Sports Club's squash courts. The game is scheduled to start at 5.00 pm and entry is free.

## Baker ties Faldo for lead

YORK, England, Aug 6. (Reuters): Peter Baker, European golf's Rookie of the Year in 1987, helped fellow-Englishman Nick Faldo avoid possible disqualification from the York International Golf tournament today, then joined him in the third round lead.

The 20-year-old Baker matched Faldo's six-under-par third round of 66 as the pair vaulted above Ireland's overnight pacesetter Christy O'Connor Jr., who slipped back after a 71.

Returned Baker and Faldo have totals of 202, 14 under par and two strokes better than Zimbabwean Mark McNulty, who returned his third successive 68 to hold third place.

Australian Craig Parry after a 69 and Irishman Des Smyth following a best-of-the-day 65 shared fourth spot one shot further back and one ahead of O'Connor and US masters champion Sandy Lyle of Britain, who carded a 67.

Baker, third once last year and twice already this season, spared Faldo potential embarrassment on the first green, where he asked the former British Open champion to move his marker a putter's head length to the side.

When Faldo was about to replace his ball on the incorrect spot, Baker pointed out the error to him.

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## Sanchez to face Carlsson in final

KITZBUHEL, Austria, Aug 6. (Reuters): Defending champion Emilio Sanchez of Spain overcame a 3-0 first set deficit and beat Brazil's Luis Mattar 6-3 6-4 today to join Sweden's Kent Carlsson in the final of the Kitzbuehel Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Sanchez, who eliminated local hero Thomas Muster yesterday, kept his nerve and concentration to earn his place in the final.

Carlsson, a solid base-line player, dropped his first set of the tournament as he beat Argentina's Guillermo Perez-Roldan 6-4 2-6 6-4.

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## Johnson declares himself fit after 100m tuneup race

OTTAWA, Aug 6. (Reuters): World record holder Ben Johnson pronounced himself fit after ending three months away from competition by running in a 100 metres qualifying heat at the Canadian Athletics Championships.

Johnson, racing for the first time since re-injuring a hamstring last May in Tokyo, said he was completely recovered and well on track for next month's Seoul Olympics.

The muscular Jamaican-born sprinter registered a modest time of 10.38 seconds after easing up over the last 30 metres.

## Planning

"I'm a lot faster than last year, the leg is no problem," he said after the race. "I ran at 75 to 80 per cent."

Johnson said he was planning to run all out in the 100 metres final.

"I just need some races to shar-

## Johnson declares himself fit after 100m tuneup race

pen up, there's lots of time before the Olympics," he said.

Johnson, who set the world record of 9.83 seconds at the World Championships in Rome a year ago, has not lost to his American arch-rival Carl Lewis in three years and said he was not concerned about their looming Olympic showdown.

"Carl Lewis is not running as fast as last year when I beat him," said Johnson, dismissing the wind-aided 9.78 seconds run by Lewis at the US Olympic trials last month.

The 26-year-old Canadian champion will be aiming to beat the outspoken Lewis for the sixth straight time when they meet in Seoul.

The verbal battle between the two rivals has been going on for some time.

"After Rome, he (Lewis) said the Seoul Olympics would be his," Johnson said. "We'll see about that."

## Kiseleva edges closer to Idzi

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## Cram clinches Olympic 800m place



Cram: easy win

BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug 6. (Reuters): Commonwealth champion Steve Cram lined himself up for an Olympic double in Seoul when he won the 800 metres in impressive style at the British Olympic athletics trials today.

Cram accelerated magnificently off the final bend to overhaul leading rival Tom McKean and secure a handsome victory in one minute 44.16 seconds — the third fastest time in the world this year.

Selection With the first two in each event guaranteed an Olympic ticket provided they achieve qualifying standards, Cram was banking on the "discretionary" third spot from the selectors for the 1,500 metres without competing over the longer distance at the weekend trials.

The controversial selection policy almost cost injured Tessa Sanderson the chance of defending her Olympic javelin crown in Seoul, with world champion Fatima Whitbread also sidelined and favoured to gain the third discretionary place.

But in the end only one com-

petitor — Sharon Gibson — achieved the Olympic qualifying standard of 56.60 metres, effectively providing the selectors with a let-out clause to pick both Whitbread and Sanderson.

Cram needed no favours from the selectors in the 800 as he swept past McKean and stretched away down the straight to dispel doubts about his form after four defeats in his five previous outings.

McKean, European and Commonwealth silver medalist, just hung on for second place ahead of Steve Heard but finished almost a second behind Cram in 1:45.10.

Neither Sebastian Coe nor Peter Elliott, respectively Olympic and world championship silver medalists over 800 metres, competed at the distance in the trials, leaving a problem for selectors spoiled for choice over the third Seoul squad place.

Coe, twice Olympic 1,500 metres champion, and Elliott reserved their efforts for the 1,500 metres.

Cram said he saw no reason why he should not double up in

Seoul. "I am putting my hand up and saying, 'I would like to be considered for selection please.'"

"There aren't many people running 1:44 this season and there is no-one head and shoulders above everyone else. The 800 final in Seoul is two days before the start of the 1,500 and I am convinced I can cope."

Sanderson was inconsolable when she pulled out of these trials at the last minute after failing two fitness tests on an Achilles tendon injury.

Missed She had to sit and pray she would not be deprived of her place in Seoul, but survived the ordeal as second-placed Julie Abel missed the qualifying standard by over 1-1/2 metres.

Afterwards, Sanderson said she was too upset to talk to anyone, but earlier she bitterly criticised selection policy.

"For the first time I have felt ashamed of British athletics. You would have thought I had done enough, having thrown 15 metres further than necessary. The policy has been ridiculous," she said.